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232nd Annual Report



**CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**
March 1999

NOTICE

Please Read

TO DOG OWNERS:

- * All dogs over three months of age must be registered by May 1st.
- * Legal rates : males and females \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65 \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- * Rabies certificates required for registration.
- * **Failure to register makes owners liable for a \$15.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1st. It's the law!**
- * Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the state statutes RSA:466. The penalties are severe.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- * The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15 not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:

- * The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- * RSA 438-A A Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

Your cooperation in the above matters will save time and money for you and cut costs of town government. — The Selectmen

ALL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCIES:

FIRE — 675-2221

POLICE — 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESQUE SQUAD — 675-2221

SELECTMEN — 675-5611

TOWN CLERK — 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR — 675-5221

HIGHWAY GARAGE - 675-2205

FAX — 675-5605

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CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending December 31, 1998



Megan Thibault checking out the damage caused by heavy rains on Tandy Brook Road in the Spring of 1998

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Cover: Cornish Farmer's Market
Photo courtesy of Connie Kousman

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk - 3 years

Reigh H. Rock (2001)
Anne M. Hier, Deputy

Town Treasurer - 1 year

William Caterino
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

Moderator - 2 years

Peter H. Burling (2000)

Selectmen - 3 years

Larry Dingee (1999)
Stuart A. Hodgeman (2000)
Robert F. Maslan (2001)

Tax Collector - 1 year

Reigh H. Rock
Anne Hier, Deputy

Supervisors of Checklist - 6 years

Ruth G. Rollins (2000)
Leland E. Atwood (2002)
Robin Monette (2004)

Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 years

Barbara Rawson (1999)
Willis Reed (2000)
Cynthia K. Wegner (2001)

Trustees of George H. Stowell Library - 3 years

Pamela Gendron (1999)
Bernice F. Johnson (2000)
Kathryn H. Patterson (2001)

Overseer of Welfare - 1 year

Connie Kousman
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant
Judy Kaufman, Assistant

Highway Agent - 1 year Thomas Spaulding

Sexton - 1 year John J. Rock

Fence Viewers - 1 year

Alan Penfold Leo Maslan
Kay and Gary Wegner Fred Sullivan

Surveyors of Wood, Bark, & Lumber - 1 year

Orville Fitch Reyer Jaarsma
Leo Maslan James Neil
Robin Waterman Fred Weld

Hog Reeves - 1 year

Tom & Janice Spaulding
Eric & Sue Webb
Mike & Jean Boutilier
Robert & Carrie Kibbie
Scott & Barbara Slayton
Jerry & Jennifer Pierce

Representatives to the General Court - 2 years

Constance Jones (2000)
Peter Hoe Burling (2000)

New Hampshire Executive Council - 2 years

Raymond S. Burton (2000)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Police Officers - By Selectmen

Barritt Bodkins - Administrator
Michael Boutilier
Douglas Hackett
William Wadsworth, III

Librarian - By Trustees of the Library

Katherine Freeland

Fire Chief - By Selectmen

Nathan Cass

Planning Board - By Selectmen - 3 years

John Hammond, Vice Chair (2001)
Larry Dingee, for Selectmen
J. Cheston Newbold, Chairman (2001)
John J. Rock (1999)
Lee Baker, (2000)
Peter C. Storrs, (2000)
Anne M. Hier, Secretary (2000)
Ellen Ballard, Alternate (1999)
Connie Kousman, Alternate (2000)

Zoning Board of Adjustment - By Moderator - 3 years

Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary (2001)
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (2001)
Karim Chichakly, Chairman (1999)
Keith Beardslee (2000)
David Wood, Alternate
William S. Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate
Dale Rook, Alternate

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Conservation Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Herricka W. Poor, Chairman (1999)
Don Snowdon (2000)
Michael M. Yatsevitch (2000)
Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
Brook Moore (2001)
Janice Orion, Secretary (1999)
Donna Bleazard (2000)
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate (2001)
Nancy Newbold, Alternate (2000)
Paul Queneau, Alternate (1999)
Rae Ann Melloh, Alternate (2000)
Gar Hier, Alternate (2001)

Solid Waste Representatives - By Selectmen - 3 years

William Gallagher (2000)
Donna Bleazard, Alternate (2000)

Historic District Commission - By Selectmen - 3 years

Caroline Storrs (2001)
Nancy Newbold (1999)
Tony Neidecker (1999)
Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen
John Dryfhout, Alternate (2001)
Jenny Schad, Alternate (1999)
James Atkinson, Alternate (1999)
Barbara Lewis, Alternate (2000)

Recreation Committee - By Selectmen

Paul Queneau
Audrey Jacquier

Finance Committee - by Moderator - 3 years

William Caterino Exofficio
Alan Penfold (2000)
Fred Sullivan (2001)
John Collins, Chairman (2000)
Susanne Lupien (2000)
Bradford Churchill (2000)
Robert Bladen (2001)

Cornish Recycling Committee

Donna Bleazard	Leigh Callahan
Connie Kousman	Barbara Atherton
Nancy Wightman	Janice Orion
Rev Wightman	Pat Pinkson-Burke
Richard Thompson	Paul Atherton

Capital Equipment Committee - By Selectmen

Peter Lynch	Larry Duval
Larry Dingee (Chairman)	Milt Jewell
Don MacLeay	Scott Baker

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional

Planning Commission - By Selectmen
J. Cheston Newbold Anne M. Hier Alt.

Records Preservation Committee - By Selectmen

Michael Yatsevitch MayBelle Rock
Hannah Schad Bernice Johnson, Chair

CT River Resource Comm-Local River Subcommittee - By Selectmen Jeremiah Evarts

Overseer of Covered Bridges - By Selectmen Leo Maslan

Emergency Management Civil Defense

Director - By Selectmen Robert Maslan

Spirit Committee - By Selectmen

Nancy Newbold Dale O'Connor

Selectmen's Special Agent - By Selectmen Stuart Hodgeman

Auditors - By Selectmen Plodzick and Sanderson

APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

Health Officer Virginia Prince Jenny Schad, Asst

Forest Fire Warden - Nathan Cass

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Dale Rook	Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee	Dale O'Connor
Paul Whalen	Bob Mordenti
Mike Boutilier	

Ballot Clerks - By respective parties - 2 years

Marion Stone (R)	Alma Jacklin(R)
Seward Rock (D)	Sally Budlong (D)

River Commission - By Governor

J. Cheston Newbold

**1999 Warrant
The State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 9th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 6 through 19** will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the definition of "home occupation." This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend the square foot limitation for cottage industry from 1,000 square feet to 1,500 square feet. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: In Article V, Dimensional Standards, to add a provision relating to boundaries; to delete the "merger provision" and to substitute the word "frontage" for the word "access" in the dimensional standards and to amend Article VII, Nonconforming Lots, to be consistent with these changes. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Article 5: Are you in favor of abolishing the Historic District Commission. (This warrant article is proposed by the Selectmen; the Planning Board neither approves nor disapproves of this Article; a simple majority is required for passage.)

Article 6: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a)	Town Office	45,600
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	1,450
(c)	Audit Town Books	4,000
(d)	Revaluation of Property	3,500
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000
(f)	Planning Board	1,500
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500
(h)	Grounds	3,000
(i)	General Government Buildings	12,150
(j)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care	21,475
(k)	Insurance (Excluding medical)	35,000
(l)	Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC)	1,593
(m)	Town Records Preservation	3,500
(n)	Spirit Committee	1,000
(o)	Police Department	45,850
(p)	Rescue Squad	4,400
(q)	Ambulance	15,133
(r)	Fire Department	28,875
(s)	Emergency Management	50
(t)	Septage	2,500
(u)	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000
(v)	Recycling	3,850
(w)	Hazardous Waste	750

(x)	Health Services	7,370
(y)	General Assistance	2,500
(z)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	4,200
(z1)	Patriotic Purposes	300
(z2)	Conservation Commission Expenses	600
(z3)	Principal - Long Term Debt	62,800
(z4)	Interest - Long Term Debt	7,385
(z5)	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000
(z6)	Public Library Fund	10,040
(z7)	County Tax	Necessary Amount

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to hire an additional fulltime highway truck driver. (If this article passes Article 14 will be amended to include the proper dollar amount. Submitted by the Road Agent)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$283,320 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$204,067 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$79,253 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of up to \$94,000 for the purchase of a new loader and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$82,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose, the remaining balance to be derived by the sale or trade of the existing loader. (Submitted by the Capital Equipment Committee) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to establish a town forest on land recently acquired on Root Hill Road (Map 5, Lot 6, 270 acres) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:110. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article a majority vote is required)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$10,000 to make improvements in the Town Forest established pursuant to Warrant Article 17 and to authorize the expenditure of proceeds of a timber harvest for this purpose. Any additional revenues from the timber harvest shall be placed in the Town Forest Maintenance Fund. RSA 31.113. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the purchase of an update for the payroll program purchased in 1989. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article)

Article 20: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

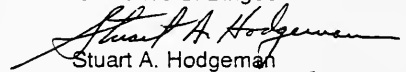
Given under our hand and seal, this 17th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety nine .

Lawrence S. Dingee

Stuart A.. Hodgeman

Robert F. Maslan
True Copy Attest


Lawrence S. Dingee


Stuart A. Hodgeman


Robert F. Maslan
Selectmen of Cornish



**CORNISH, NH
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 1998**

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 10th of March 1998. Peter Burling, Moderator of the Town of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. The Town Warrant was read in its entirety and Moderator Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified by the Selectmen and that all the Selectmen's signatures were displayed on the back of the Warrant. Supervisors Of The Checklists signed both checklists and were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Reigh H. Rock. All names therein were in order being: Marion Stone, Eric Atwood, Seward Rock and Paul Whalen, Jr. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with Reverend Dale Nicholas saying a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: Items printed on the ballots were voted on by the Townspeople through the day. Article 1 was to choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year the results of the voting are as follows.

Selectmen for 3 years: Robert Maslan received 218 votes, William Gallagher received 147 votes, Richard Wood received 1 vote, Connie Kousman received 2 votes and Fred Tuttle received 1 vote. Robert Maslan was declared the winner.

Town Treasurer for one year: William F. Caterino, Jr. received 344 votes Brenda Jordan received 1 vote. William F. Caterino was declared the winner.

Tax Collector for one year: Reigh H. Rock received 358 votes. Reigh H. Rock was declared the winner.

Trustee of Library for three years: Kathryn Patterson received 352 votes, Nancy Newbold received 1 vote. Kathryn Patterson was declared the winner.

Overseer of Welfare for one year: Constance Kousman received 348 votes, Jean Duval received 1 vote, Bob Bulkeley received 1 vote and Dale Nicholas received 1 vote. Constance Kousman was declared the winner.

Supervisor Of The Checklist: Robin Monette received 353 votes and Audrey Jacquier received 1 vote. Robin Monette was declare the winner.

Highway Agent for one year: Thomas E. Spaulding received 342 votes, Mike Duval received 5 votes, Harold Morse received 3 votes, Jerry Baillargeon received 1 vote, Dan Charland received 2 votes, Martin Sheary received 1 vote, Scott Morse received 1 vote and Tim Schad received 1 vote. Thomas E. Spaulding was declared the winner.

Sexton for one year: John J. Rock received 355 votes and John Rawson received 1 vote. John J. Rock was declared the winner.

Trustee of Trust Funds for three years: Cynthia K. Wegner received 337 votes, Barbara Rawson received 2 votes and Alan Penfold received 1 vote. Cynthia K. Wegner was declared the winner.

Moderator for 2 years: Peter H. Burling received 262 votes, James Strout received 2 votes, George Edson received 3 votes, Michael Fuerst received 1 vote and Frank Parks received 1 vote. Peter H. Burling was declared the Winner.

Town Clerk for three years: Reigh H. Rock received 275 votes, Anne Hier received 1 vote. Reigh H. Rock was declared the winner.

Article 2: Article 2 was voted on by the townspeople throughout the day by ballot. The question was: Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To add a new Article VI-A, "Telecommunications Facilities." Yes=223 No=115

Article 3: Article 3 was voted on by the townspeople throughout the day by ballot. The question was: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a which makes it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or a custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such. Yes=220 No=140

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same

(a) Town Office - Doug Thayer moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$45600.

The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

(b) Election, Registration, Vital Statistics - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4500. The motion was seconded by Dan Charland and voted on in the affirmative.

(c) Audit Town Books - Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4000. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative.

(d) Revaluation of Property - Mike Yatsevitch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3500. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative.

(e) Legal Expenses - Bill Caterino moved that the town raise and appropriate \$5000. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

(f) Planning Board - Anne Hier moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1500. The motion was seconded by Lois Fitts and voted on in the affirmative.

(g) Zoning Board of Adjustment - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$500. The motion was seconded by Eric Webb and voted on in the affirmative.

(h) Historic District Commission - Tony Neidecker moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$100. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold. James Strout moved to amend to \$0. The motion was seconded by Donald MacLeay and was voted on in the affirmative.

(i) Grounds - John Russ moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2550. It was seconded by Doug Thayer. Stuart Hodgeman moved to amend to \$3000. The motion to amend was seconded by Robert Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(j) General Government Buildings - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,150. The motion was seconded by Mauri Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(k) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,450. the motion was seconded by Dough Thayer. Robert Maslan moved to amend to \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

(l) Insurance (Excluding medical) - Barbara Rawson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Kate Freeland and voted on in the affirmative.

(m) Regional Assoc (UV LSRPC) - George Aldrich moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1543. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(n) Town Records Preservation - Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3500. The motion was seconded by Mike Yatsevitch and voted on in the affirmative.

(o) Spirit Committee Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1000. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Storrs and voted on in the affirmative.

(p) Police Department - Joe Osgood moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$56,344. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout. Jim Strout made a motion to amend to \$58,000. The motion was seconded by Bill Wadsworth, Jr. and was voted on in the negative. The main motion of \$56,344 was then voted on in the affirmative.

(q) Rescue Squad -Mauri Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4400. The motion was seconded by Nate Cass and voted on in the affirmative.

(r) Ambulance - Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,133. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(s) Fire Department - Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,575. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

(t) Emergency Management - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(u) Transfer Station Tickets - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7000. The motion was seconded by John Russ. Larry Dingee moved to amend to \$9500. to cover a fee for septic disposal to the City of Claremont. The motion to amend was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

(v) Recycling - Jim Strout moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1500. The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

(w) Hazardous Waste Recycling - Anne Hier moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1000. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

(x) Health Services - Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7970. The motion was seconded by Lois Fitts and voted on in the affirmative.

(y) General Assistance - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2500. The motion was seconded by Mauri Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(z) Parks & Recreation (CREA) - Don Snowdon moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4200. The motion was seconded by Rickie Poor and voted on in the affirmative.

(z1) Patriotic Purposes - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$300. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

(z2) Conservation Commission Expenses - Don Snowdon moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$550. the motion was seconded by Mike Yatsevitch and voted on in the affirmative.

(z3) Principal - Long Term Debt - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$62,800. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted on in the affirmative

(z4) Interest - Long Term Debt - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,683. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z5) Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee. Stuart Hodgeman moved to amend to \$4000. The motion to amend was seconded by John Russ and voted on in the affirmative. A sense of the meeting by a hand vote was taken regarding twice a year tax billing. Yes-67 No 31

(z6) Public Library Fund - Kate Freeland moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8730. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

(z7) County Tax - Dale Nicholas moved that the necessary amount be raised and appropriate. The motion was seconded by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 5: James Strout moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Fritz Hier. Everett Cass moved to amend to \$500. The motion was seconded by George Aldrich and was voted on in the negative. The main motion of \$3000. was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Janet Lord and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: Nate Cass moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was second by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: Joe Osgood moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: Fred Sullivan moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Pru Dennis and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: Mike Yatsevitch moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$289,198 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$210,603 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$78,595 to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold. Bob Bladen moved to amend to \$299,198. Jim Strout seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative. The extra \$10,000. was to be used specifically for gravel to upgrade the earthen roads.

Article 12: Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and was voted on in the affirmative

Article 13: Judy Rook moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 as "seed money" for upgrade of lighting and parking at the Town Office. The motion was

seconded by Don Snowden. Jim Strout moved to amend the amount to \$1500. The motion was seconded by George Aldrich and voted on in the affirmative. The \$1500. was specifically to be used for lighting the premises.

Article 14: Cheston Newbold moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$750 for the Planning Board to survey the town and/or have hearings regarding amending the Zoning Ordinance sections on Home Occupation, Cottage Industry, and Expanded Cottage Industry. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 15. Ruth Rollins moved that the Town accept of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 16. Stuart Hodgeman moved that the following people be Fence Viewers: Alan Penfold, Fred Sullivan, Kay Kibbie and Leo Maslan. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Bob Maslan moved that the same members for Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber be the same as last year. Those names being Orville Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, Leo Maslan, James Neil, Robin Waterman and Fred Weld. Larry Dingee seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative.

The following people were nominated for Hog Reeves: Mike & Jean Boutilier, Robert & Carrie Kibbie, Scott & Barbara Slayton, Eric & Sue Webb, Tom & Janice Spaulding and Jerry & Jennifer Pierce. These people were voted on in the affirmative.

Bob Maslan made a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 4:45 PM. This was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

Respectively Submitted,

*Reigh Helen Rock
Town Clerk*



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Cornish has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Cornish, as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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April 8, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Cornish for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

April 8, 1998

1999 BUDGET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Statement of Revenues

	1998 Estimate	1998 Actual	1998 + (-)	1999 Estimate	Estimate + (-)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	3,172	2,172	1,000	0
Yield Taxes	25,000	40,016	15,016	20,000	(5,000)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	102	102	0	102	0
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	25,000	31,105	6,105	25,000	0
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	160,000	179,402	19,402	165,000	5,000
Building Permits	500	670	170	500	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,500	1,396	(104)	1,500	0
Other Permits and Fees	300	366	66	300	0
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE & FEDERAL					
Shared Revenue	36,807	74,216	37,409	36,807	0
Highway Block Grant	78,595	78,595	0	79,253	658
Railroad Tax & Other	2,631	2,631	(0)	2,631	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Zoning Board Fees	100	190	90	100	0
Planning Board Fees	500	706	206	500	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	85	70	(15)	85	0
Burial Fees	1,500	1,480	(20)	1,500	0
Highway Department Income	50	106	56	50	0
Police Department Income	6,870	5,827	(1,043)	6,870	0
Fire Department Income	1,800	1,826	26	200	(1,600)
Recycling Income	200	204	4	200	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	7,000	7,560	560	7,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES					
Sale of Town Property				12,000	12,000
Insurance Dividends	15,000	15,542	542	15,000	0
Rental of Town Property	500	930	430	500	0
Interest on Investments	15,000	26,341	11,341	19,000	4,000
Town Forest				10,000	10,000
Other Sources	1,000	1,001	1	1,000	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
Trust & Special Revenue Funds	5,100	6,051	951	5,100	0
Capital Reserve Funds	0	0	0	82,000	82,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Use of Fund Balance	73,483		(73,483)	70,185	(3,298)
TOTAL REVENUES	459,623	479,506	19,883	563,383	103,760

Source: MS-4

1999 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1999 Warrant Article	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
6 GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
a Town Office	45,600	45,457	(143)	45,600	0
b Election/Reg/Vital Stats	4,500	3,619	(881)	1,450	(3,050)
c Audit Town Books	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
d Revaluation of Property	3,500	3,550	50	3,500	0
e Legal Expenses	5,000	6,363	1,363	5,000	0
f Planning Board	1,500	1,293	(207)	1,500	0
g Zoning Board	500	271	(229)	500	0
h Grounds	3,000	3,263	263	3,000	0
i General Government Building	12,150	12,096	(54)	12,150	0
j Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	20,000	19,202	(798)	21,475	1,475
k Insurance(Exc. Medical)	35,000	32,602	(2,398)	35,000	0
l Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,543	1,543	0	1,593	50
m Town Records Preservation	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	0
n Spirit Committee	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	140,793	136,560	(4,233)	139,268	(1,525)
PUBLIC SAFETY					
o Police Department	56,344	54,489	(1,855)	45,850	(10,494)
p Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
q Ambulance	15,133	15,133	(0)	15,133	0
r Fire Department	30,575	31,532	957	28,875	(1,700)
s Emergency Management	50	38	(12)	50	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	106,502	105,592	(910)	94,308	(12,194)
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
14 Class V Highways	220,603	218,126	(2,477)	204,067	(16,536)
14 Highway Block Grant	78,595	78,595	0	79,253	658
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT	299,198	296,721	(2,477)	283,320	(15,878)
SANITATION					
t Septage	2,500	2,489	(12)	2,500	0
u Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
v Recycling	1,500	1,475	(25)	3,850	2,350
w Hazardous Waste	1,000	601	(399)	750	(250)
TOTAL SANITATION	12,000	11,564	(436)	14,100	2,100
HEALTH AND WELFARE					
x Health Services	7,970	7,574	(397)	7,370	(600)
y General Assistance	2,500	1,534	(966)	2,500	0
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	10,470	9,107	(1,363)	9,870	(600)

1999 BUDGET
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

1999 Warrant Article	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
CULTURE & RECREATION					
z Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200	3,750	(450)	4,200	0
z1 Patriotic Purposes	300	142	(158)	300	0
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	3,892	(608)	4,500	0
CONSERVATION					
z2 Conservation Commission	550	527	(23)	600	50
TOTAL CONSERVATION	550	527	(23)	600	50
DEBT SERVICE					
z3 Principal-Long-Term Debt	62,800	62,800	0	62,800	0
z4 Interest-Long-Term Debt	10,683	10,715	32	7,385	(3,298)
z5 Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	4,000	0	(4,000)	2,000	(2,000)
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	77,483	73,515	(3,968)	72,185	(5,298)
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
z6 Public Library Fund	8,730	8,730	0	10,040	1,310
7 Conservation Fund	3,000	3,023	23	3,000	0
8 Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
9 Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
10 Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
11 Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
12 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	78,730	78,753	23	80,040	1,310
TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL/OTHER	730,226	716,232	(13,994)	698,191	(32,035)
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES					
98 Town Office Lighting(13)	1,500	1,131	(369)		(1,500)
98 Planning Board(14)	750	88	(662)		(750)
13 Highway Dept Driver				26,350	26,350
16 New Loader				94,000	94,000
18 Town Forest Improvements				10,000	10,000
19 Payroll Software				1,000	1,000
TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	2,250	1,219	(1,031)	131,350	129,100
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	732,476	717,451	(15,025)	829,541	97,065
z7 County Appropriation	214,596	214,596	0	Necessary Amount	

Source: MS-6

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1999 Warrant Article		1999 Proposed Budget	1999 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
6	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
a	Town Office	45,600	1,800	43,800	0.52
b	Election/Reg/Vital Stats	1,450		1,450	0.02
c	Audit Town Books	4,000		4,000	0.05
d	Revaluation of Property	3,500		3,500	0.04
e	Legal Expenses	5,000		5,000	0.06
f	Planning Board	1,500	585	915	0.01
g	Zoning Board of Adjustment	500	100	400	0.00
h	Grounds	3,000		3,000	0.04
i	General Government Buildings	12,150	500	11,650	0.14
j	Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	21,475	6,600	14,875	0.18
k	Insurance(Excluding Medical)	35,000	15,000	20,000	0.24
l	Regional Assn(UVLSRPC)	1,593		1,593	0.02
m	Town Records Preservation	3,500		3,500	0.04
n	Spirit Committee	1,000		1,000	0.01
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	139,268	24,585	114,683	1.37
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
o	Police Department	45,850	6,870	38,980	0.47
p	Rescue Squad	4,400		4,400	0.05
q	Ambulance	15,133		15,133	0.18
r	Fire Department	28,875	1,000	27,875	0.33
s	Emergency Management	50		50	0.00
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	94,308	7,870	86,438	1.03
	HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES				
14	Class V Highways	204,067	50	204,017	2.44
14	Highway Block Grant	79,253	79,253	0	0.00
	TOTAL HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES	283,320	79,303	204,017	2.44
	SANITATION				
t	Septage	2,500		2,500	0.03
u	Transfer Station Tickets	7,000	7,000	0	0.00
v	Recycling	3,850	200	3,650	0.04
w	Hazardous Waste	750		750	0.01
	TOTAL SANITATION	14,100	7,200	6,900	0.08
	HEALTH AND WELFARE				
x	Health Services	7,370	1,500	5,870	0.07
y	General Assistance	2,500		2,500	0.03
	TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	9,870	1,500	8,370	0.10

ESTIMATED TAX BURDEN
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

1999 Warrant Article	1999 Proposed Budget	1999 Estimated Revenue	Estimated Tax Burden	Rate Per \$1000
CULTURE & RECREATION				
z Parks & Recreation(CREA)	4,200		4,200	0.05
z1 Patriotic Purposes	300		300	0.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	4,500	0	4,500	0.05
CONSERVATION				
z2 Conservation Commission	600		600	0.01
TOTAL CONSERVATION	600	0	600	0.01
DEBT SERVICE				
z3 Principal-Long-Term Debt	62,800	62,800	0	0.00
z4 Interest -Long-Term Debt	7,385	7,385	0	0.00
z5 Interest-Tax Anticip. Notes	2,000	2,000	0	0.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	72,185	72,185	0	0.00
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
z6 Public Library Fund	10,040		10,040	0.12
7 Conservation Commission Fund	3,000		3,000	0.04
8 Highway Capital Reserve	35,000		35,000	0.42
9 Fire Capital Reserve	13,000		13,000	0.16
10 Police Capital Reserve	4,000		4,000	0.05
11 Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000		5,000	0.06
12 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000		10,000	0.12
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	80,040	0	80,040	0.96
OTHER OFFSETTING REVENUE				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		165,000	(165,000)	-1.97
Interest and Penalty on Taxes		25,000	(25,000)	-0.30
Other Taxes and Fees		38,102	(38,102)	-0.46
Unrestricted State Revenue		39,438	(39,438)	-0.47
TOTAL BEFORE CAPITAL & OTHER	698,191	460,183	238,008	2.84
CAPITAL OUTLAY & OTHER ARTICLES				
13 Highway Dept Driver	26,350		26,350	0.31
16 New Loader	94,000	94,000	0	0.00
18 Town Forest Improvements	10,000	10,000	0	0.00
19 Payroll Software	1,000		1,000	0.01
TOTAL CAPITAL & OTHER	131,350	104,000	27,350	0.33
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	829,541	564,183	265,358	3.17
Add: Refunds, Abatements & Credits		(19,729)	29,092	0.35
Deduct: State Shared Revenues			(9,090)	-0.11
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES			285,360	3.41

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	December 31 1998	December 31 1997
ASSETS		
Cash and Short Term Investments	924,130	682,929
Petty Cash	200	200
Due from State of NH	9,620	
Uncollected Property Taxes	197,337	255,367
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	1,601	0
Uncollected Yield Taxes	1,406	2,358
Unredeemed Taxes	88,939	85,701
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,223,233</u>	<u>1,026,555</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Due to Conservation Fund	3,571	6,072
Due to School District	901,799	716,418
Deferred Tax Revenue	9,079	10,300
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	11,313	0
Undesignated	297,470	293,765
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>1,223,233</u>	<u>1,026,555</u>

Source: MS-5-Part 2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes assessed	2,395,981	2,400,723	4,742
Less war service credits	(14,400)	(14,400)	0
Property tax commitment	2,381,581	2,386,323	4,742
Less refunds, abatements & adj.	(14,692)	(2,415)	12,277
Net property tax revenue	2,366,889	2,383,909	17,020
Other taxes	51,102	74,395	23,293
Licenses, permits & fees	162,300	181,834	19,534
State of New Hampshire	155,442	155,442	0
Income from departments	18,105	17,970	(135)
Miscellaneous sources	31,500	43,814	12,314
Operating transfers in	5,100	6,051	951
TOTAL REVENUES	2,790,438	2,863,415	72,977
EXPENDITURES			
General government	140,793	136,560	4,233
Public safety	106,502	105,592	910
Highways, streets, bridges	299,198	296,721	2,477
Sanitation	12,000	11,564	436
Health and welfare	10,470	9,107	1,363
Culture and recreation	4,500	3,892	608
Conservation	550	527	23
Debt service	77,483	73,515	3,968
Operating transfers out	78,730	78,753	(23)
Capital and other articles	2,250	1,219	1,031
County appropriation	214,596	214,596	0
School appropriation	1,916,849	1,916,849	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,863,921	2,848,896	15,025
Less carryovers from prior year			0
Plus emergency use of fund balance		9,620	(9,620)
Plus carryovers to next year		1,193	(1,193)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CARRYOVERS	2,863,921	2,859,709	4,212
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
NET EXPENDITURES AND CARRYOVERS	(73,483)	3,705	77,188
Fund Balance January 1, 1998	293,765	293,765	
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998	220,282	297,470	77,188

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
TOWN OFFICE					
Salaries and wages	19,800	20,560	760	18,800	(1,000)
Salary-Town Clerk	1,100	1,100	0	1,100	0
Salary-Tax Collector	1,500	1,500	0	3,000	1,500
Salary-Treasurer	600	600	0	600	0
FICA(SS)-Town portion	2,500	2,602	102	2,876	376
Advertising	400	389	(11)	400	0
Memberships	750	733	(17)	750	0
Postage	1,800	1,666	(134)	1,800	0
Computer lease & service	3,600	2,724	(876)	2,724	(876)
Computer maintenance	800	89	(711)	500	(300)
Office supplies	2,200	2,756	556	2,500	300
Town clerk reference books	150	25	(125)	150	0
Town report cost	2,500	1,977	(523)	2,200	(300)
Mileage	1,500	1,982	482	2,000	500
Training and education	500	633	133	500	0
Town clerk fee-vehicles	3,300	3,380	80	3,300	0
Town clerk fee-various	100	3	(97)	100	0
Registry of deeds costs	400	397	(3)	300	(100)
Telephone-Selectmen	700	522	(178)	600	(100)
Telephone-Tax Collector	400	409	9	400	0
Telephone-Town Clerk	800	809	9	800	0
Miscellaneous expenses	200	602	402	200	0
TOTAL	45,600	45,457	(143)	45,600	0
ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL STATS					
Salaries and wages	3,700	2,882	(818)	950	(2,750)
FICA(SS)-Town portion	125	123	(2)	50	(75)
Advertising	175	137	(39)	150	(25)
Postage	25	61	36	50	25
Office supplies	25	0	(25)	0	(25)
Mileage	150	118	(32)	75	(75)
Miscellaneous	200	277	77	75	(125)
Vital statistics fees	100	21	(80)	100	0
TOTAL	4,500	3,619	(881)	1,450	(3,050)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
AUDIT TOWN BOOKS					
Audit fee	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
TOTAL	4,000	3,800	(200)	4,000	0
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY					
Reappraisal expenses	3,500	3,550	50	3,500	0
TOTAL	3,500	3,550	50	3,500	0
LEGAL EXPENSES					
Legal fees & damages	5,000	6,363	1,363	5,000	0
TOTAL	5,000	6,363	1,363	5,000	0
PLANNING BOARD					
Advertising	500	344	(156)	500	0
Postage	600	215	(385)	600	0
Mileage	100	48	(52)	100	0
Training and education	100	120	20	100	0
Miscellaneous expenses	200	566	366	200	0
TOTAL	1,500	1,293	(207)	1,500	0
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Advertising	300	57	(243)	300	0
Postage	150	76	(74)	150	0
Training and education	50	139	89	50	0
TOTAL	500	271	(229)	500	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
GROUNDS					
Salaries and wages	2,565	2,091	(474)	2,565	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	160	163	3	160	0
Mileage	25	42	17	25	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	367	267	100	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	150	600	450	150	0
TOTAL	3,000	3,263	263	3,000	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS					
Salaries and wages	1,900	2,041	141	1,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	150	165	15	150	0
Electricity-Town office	2,000	2,028	28	2,000	0
Electricity-Town hall	1,500	1,445	(55)	1,500	0
Heat-Town office	1,500	1,581	81	1,500	0
Heat-Town hall	2,500	2,436	(64)	2,500	0
Rubbish removal	1,200	1,210	10	1,200	0
Miscellaneous expenses	400	778	378	400	0
Building maintenance	500	296	(204)	500	0
Maintenance supplies	500	116	(384)	500	0
TOTAL	12,150	12,096	(54)	12,150	0
CEMETERIES & PERPETUAL CARE					
Salaries and wages	8,800	8,570	(230)	9,600	800
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	875	1,101	226	1,200	325
Office supplies	50	19	(31)	50	0
Mileage	400	210	(190)	400	0
Equipment, tools & supplies	650	898	248	650	0
Gasoline	100	0	(100)	450	350
Diesel fuel	100	0	(100)	100	0
Hired equipment	300	0	(300)	300	0
Miscellaneous expenses	250	900	650	250	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	400	461	61	400	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	400	117	(283)	400	0
Maintenance supplies	1,000	381	(619)	1,000	0
Perpetual care expenses	5,000	5,131	131	5,000	0
Sanderson Fund expenses	175	20	(155)	175	0
Burial expenses	1,500	1,394	(106)	1,500	0
TOTAL	20,000	19,202	(798)	21,475	1,475

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)					
Property/liability premiums	35,000	32,602	(2,398)	35,000	0
TOTAL	35,000	32,602	(2,398)	35,000	0
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION					
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee					
Regional Planning Council	1,543	1,543	0	1,593	50
TOTAL	1,543	1,543	0	1,593	50
TOWN RECORD PRESERVATION					
Preservation expenses	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	0
TOTAL	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	0
SPIRIT COMMITTEE					
Project expenses	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
TOTAL	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries and wages	28,000	23,142	(4,858)	0	(28,000)
Salaries and wages-part time	7,124	7,989	865	22,500	15,376
Salaries and wages-special	4,202	3,744	(458)	5,500	1,298
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	3,010	2,668	(342)	3,500	490
Medical ins.-Town's portion	2,550	2,676	126	0	(2,550)
Memberships	50	0	(50)	0	(50)
Postage	50	21	(29)	94	44
Computer maintenance			0	900	900
Office supplies	450	564	114	450	0
Mileage	100	0	(100)	0	(100)
Training and education	200	0	(200)	200	0
Telephone	1,260	1,468	208	1,500	240
Uniforms	700	1,671	971	1,000	300
Dispatch	5,348	5,457	109	5,481	133
Gasoline	1,200	502	(698)	2,125	925
Miscellaneous expenses	100	1,796	1,696	100	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	700	1,231	531	700	0
Radio repair/maintenance	300	910	610	300	0
Vehicle maintenance	1,000	649	(351)	1,500	500
TOTAL	56,344	54,489	(1,855)	45,850	(10,494)
RESCUE SQUAD					
Rescue squad contribution	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
TOTAL	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
AMBULANCE					
Town of Windsor	7,548	7,548	0	7,548	0
Golden Cross	7,585	7,585	(0)	7,585	0
TOTAL	15,133	15,133	(0)	15,133	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Subscriptions	75	0	(75)	75	0
Memberships	1,000	683	(317)	1,000	0
Postage	50	12	(38)	50	0
Mileage	400	0	(400)	400	0
Training and education	200	0	(200)	200	0
Telephone	1,100	927	(173)	1,100	0
Electricity-Rt 120 station	250	391	141	350	100
Electricity-Town House sta.	1,100	1,393	293	1,300	200
Heat-Rt 120 station	1,100	839	(261)	800	(300)
Heat-Town House station	1,200	964	(236)	1,000	(200)
Fire equipment purchases	4,000	3,350	(650)	4,000	0
Protective clothing	2,000	2,233	233	2,000	0
Radio & pager replacement	1,500	2,371	871	1,500	0
Hose replacement	750	0	(750)	750	0
Forest fire expenses	1,000	1,110	110	1,000	0
Dispatch	3,200	2,560	(640)	3,200	0
Gasoline	600	0	(600)	600	0
Diesel fuel	500	81	(419)	500	0
Miscellaneous expenses	150	910	760	150	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	1,000	108	(892)	1,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	119	(881)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Town House sta.	1,750	5,067	3,317	1,750	0
Maintenance-Rt 120 station	750	554	(196)	750	0
Maintenance-engine 1	2,000	4,376	2,376	1,000	(1,000)
Maintenance-engine 2	1,000	228	(772)	1,000	0
Maintenance-tanker	1,500	829	(671)	1,000	(500)
Maintenance-forestry truck	500	927	427	500	0
Maintenance-utility truck	500	784	284	500	0
Maintenance-SCBA	400	715	315	400	0
TOTAL	30,575	31,532	957	28,875	(1,700)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
Civil defense	50	38	(12)	50	0
TOTAL	50	38	(12)	50	0

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES **TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES					
Salaries and wages	63,292	39,540	(23,752)	60,364	(2,928)
Salaries and wages-part time	7,500	9,668	2,168	8,000	500
Salaries and wages-overtime	14,000	8,930	(5,070)	14,000	0
Salaries and wages-ot-pt	0	1,121	1,121	1,200	1,200
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	6,511	4,528	(1,983)	4,637	(1,874)
Retirement-Town's portion	3,100	3,576	476	3,620	520
Medical ins.-Town's portion	8,100	6,654	(1,446)	10,846	2,746
Telephone	600	823	223	600	0
Electricity-Parsonage Rd	1,000	2,866	1,866	1,500	500
Electricity-Rt 120	200	0	(200)	200	0
Heat-Parsonage Rd	1,000	1,047	47	1,000	0
Uniforms	2,600	3,672	1,072	2,600	0
Gasoline	200	1,206	1,006	1,500	1,300
Diesel fuel	9,000	12,109	3,109	9,000	0
Oil & lubricants	1,000	1,199	199	1,000	0
Asphalt and tar	1,500	701	(799)	1,500	0
Gravel	26,000	33,344	7,344	7,000	(19,000)
Sand	9,500	19,710	10,210	18,000	8,500
Salt	2,000	1,020	(980)	2,000	0
Chloride	500	0	(500)	500	0
Culverts	3,000	4,832	1,832	1,000	(2,000)
Road supplies	11,800	9,279	(2,521)	11,800	0
Hired equipment	12,000	20,531	8,531	12,000	0
Rubbish removal	200	1,249	1,049	200	0
Maintenance-pickup truck	1,000	2,753	1,753	1,000	0
Major repairs-88 Int'l	2,000	2,546	546	2,000	0
Major repairs-96 Int'l	1,000	128	(872)	1,000	0
Major repairs-82/83 grader	5,000	4,211	(789)	3,000	(2,000)
Major repairs-84 loader	5,000	1,948	(3,052)	1,000	(4,000)
Major repairs-90 Int'l	4,000	2,251	(1,749)	4,000	0
Equipment repair/maintenance	15,000	15,384	384	15,000	0
Radio repair/maintenance	1,000	481	(519)	1,000	0
Building maintenance	2,000	818	(1,182)	2,000	0
TOTAL	220,603	218,126	(2,477)	204,067	(16,536)
BLOCK GRANT					
Salaries and wages	25,638	30,929	5,291	26,828	1,190
Salaries and wages-part time	2,900	2,614	(286)	2,900	0
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	2,181	2,571	390	2,061	(120)
Project Management	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
Asphalt and tar	25,708	0	(25,708)	22,294	(3,414)
Gravel	10,000	34,574	24,574	12,000	2,000
Culverts	4,000	5,313	1,313	1,000	(3,000)
Hired equipment	7,168	2,594	(4,574)	12,170	5,002
TOTAL	78,595	78,595	0	79,253	658

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES **TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over Under	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
SANITATION					
Septage charge-Claremont	2,500	2,489	(12)	2,500	0
Transfer station ticket cost	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
Recycling expenses	1,500	1,475	(25)	3,850	2,350
Hazardous waste	1,000	601	(399)	750	(250)
TOTAL	12,000	11,564	(436)	14,100	2,100
HEALTH					
Health department expenses	50	0	(50)	50	0
Animal control expenses	500	154	(347)	500	0
Visiting Nurse Association	3,170	3,170	0	3,170	0
Community Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan County Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
Stoughton House, Inc.	1,000	1,000	0	0	(1,000)
Southwest Community Services	500	500	0	500	0
Volunteers in Action			0	400	400
TOTAL	7,970	7,574	(397)	7,370	(600)
WELFARE					
General assistance	2,500	1,534	(966)	2,500	0
TOTAL	2,500	1,534	(966)	2,500	0
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks & recreation(CREA)	4,200	3,750	(450)	4,200	0
Patriotic exp.-Memorial Day	300	142	(158)	300	0
TOTAL	4,500	3,892	(608)	4,500	0
CONSERVATION					
Conservation Commission exp.	550	527	(23)	600	50
TOTAL	550	527	(23)	600	50
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal-long-term debt	62,800	62,800	0	62,800	0
Interest-long-term debt	10,683	10,715	32	7,385	(3,298)
Interest-tax anticip. notes	4,000	0	(4,000)	2,000	(2,000)
TOTAL	77,483	73,515	(3,968)	72,185	(5,298)
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Library Fund	8,730	8,730	0	10,040	1,310
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,023	23	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve Fund	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
Police Capital Reserve Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL	78,730	78,753	23	80,040	1,310
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES BEFORE ARTICLES	730,226	716,232	(13,994)	698,191	(32,035)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Final Approp.	1998 Actual Expend	1998 Over (Under)	1999 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
ARTICLES					
98 Art 13 Town Office Lighting	1,500	1,131			(1,500)
98 Art 14 Planning Board	750	88			(750)
99 Art 13 Highway Dept Driver				26,350	26,350
99 Art 16 New Loader				94,000	94,000
99 Art 18 Town Forest Improvements				10,000	10,000
99 Art 19 Payroll Software				1,000	1,000
TOTAL	2,250	1,219	(1,031)	131,350	132,381
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	732,476	717,451	(15,025)	829,541	97,065
County Appropriation	214,596	214,596	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
School Appropriation	1,916,849	1,916,849	0	NECESSARY AMOUNT	
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,863,921	2,848,896	(15,025)		

EXPENDING FOR STORM DAMAGE(RSA 32:11)

REVENUES

Federal funds received	53,128.00
State funds receivable	9,620.00
Town use of fund balance	9,620.00
TOTAL REVENUES	72,368.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and wages	9,990.06
Salaries and wages-part time	1,253.69
FICA(SS)-Town's portion	860.15
Asphalt and tar	228.35
Gravel	18,348.35
Road supplies	4,170.40
Hired equipment	2,767.00
Bridge repair-subcontract	24,630.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	62,248.00

ENCUMBRANCE

Asphalt and tar	10,120.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES	72,368.00

TAX RATE COMPUTATION
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998	1997	1996
Total Town Appropriations	732,476	867,565	920,628
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	14,692	15,053	14,640
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	2,800	2,800	1,400
All Other Veterans @ \$100	11,600	11,200	11,200
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(459,623)	(583,795)	(578,797)
State Shared Revenues	(9,090)	(8,186)	(8,774)
Town Taxes To Be Raised	292,855	304,637	360,297
School Tax Assessment	1,916,849	1,765,068	1,583,131
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(24,391)	(21,963)	(23,541)
School Taxes To Be Raised	1,892,458	1,743,105	1,559,590
County Tax Assessment	214,596	231,958	192,538
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,928)	(3,537)	(3,791)
County Taxes To Be Raised	210,668	228,421	188,747
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	2,395,981	2,276,163	2,108,634
Divide by Assessed Valuation	83,658,545	83,071,660	82,400,713
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	28.64	27.40	25.59
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	1998	1997	1996
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	3.50	3.67	4.37
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	22.62	20.98	18.93
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.52	2.75	2.29
TOTAL RATE	28.64	27.40	25.59

Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	1998 Acres	1998 Assessed Valuation	1997 Assessed Valuation	1996 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	22,606.83	2,193,090	2,006,639	1,455,892
Residential	3,448.59	29,147,877	29,180,874	29,639,431
Commercial/Industrial	4.53	198,800	198,800	188,500
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	26,059.95	31,539,767	31,386,313	31,283,823
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		50,279,740	49,517,768	48,583,818
Manufactured Housing		106,700	106,700	106,700
Commercial/Industrial		1,260,900	1,270,700	1,270,700
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		51,647,340	50,895,168	49,961,218
Public Utilities-Electric				
Central Vermont Public Service		76,609	78,893	84,923
Connecticut Valley Electric		378,851	447,872	439,672
Granite State Electric		109,368	108,452	88,884
New England Power		364,674	381,426	403,489
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		714,386	735,986	637,454
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		1,643,888	1,752,629	1,654,422
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTION		84,830,995	84,034,110	82,899,463
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(0 in 98, 0 in 97, 2 in 96)		0	0	(30,000)
Elderly(34 in 98, 25 in 97, 21 in 96)		(1,038,700)	(828,700)	(360,000)
Disabled(3 in 98, 3 in 97, 3 in 96)		(133,750)	(133,750)	(108,750)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		83,658,545	83,071,660	82,400,713

CURRENT USE REPORT FOR 1998

	Acres With		Number
	Current Use	Other Current Use	Of Acres
	Assessment	Statistics-Current Year	
Farm Land	2,372.58	With 20% Recreation Adj.	6,930.27
Forest Land	20,087.59	Removed During Year	27.40
Unproductive Land	8.70	Granted to 9 Owners	61.78
Wetland	137.96	Parcels in Current Use-629	22,606.83
TOTAL ACRES IN CURRENT USE	22,606.83		

Source: MS-1

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE****Year Ended December 31, 1998****SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

	1998	1997	1995
Uncollected Taxes-Start of Year:			
Property Taxes		255,367.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes		1,841.17	516.96
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	2,386,323.24		
Land Use Change	11,243.00		
Yield Taxes	40,015.90		
Overpayments			
Property Taxes	4,212.81	19.53	
Yield Taxes	3.82		
Interest Collected on			
Delinquent Taxes	3,632.52	12,653.15	
TOTAL DEBITS	2,445,431.29	269,880.85	516.96
Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Taxes	2,189,721.14	254,076.89	
Land Use Change	5,142.00		
Yield Taxes	39,130.72	1,841.17	
Interest	3,632.52	12,653.15	
Less Abatements Made During Year			
Property Taxes	3,478.21	1,309.64	
Land Use Change	4,500.00		
Yield Taxes			
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year			
Property Taxes	197,336.70	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	1,601.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	889.00	0.00	516.96
TOTAL CREDITS	2,445,431.29	269,880.85	516.96

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ended December 31, 1998

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	1997	1996	1995 & Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At Beginning of Year		53,187.82	32,513.12
Liens Executed During Year			
Sold to Town	74,641.58		
Interest and Costs Collected			
After Lien Execution	1,036.55	6,280.30	7,502.80
TOTAL DEBITS	75,678.13	59,468.12	40,015.92
 Funds Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	20,848.07	29,783.87	19,933.87
Interest and Costs After Lien	1,036.55	6,280.30	7,502.80
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			838.04
Liens Deeded to Town			
Balance of Unredeemed Tax Liens			
At End of Year	53,793.51	23,403.95	11,741.21
TOTAL CREDITS	75,678.13	59,468.12	40,015.92

Reigh Rock
Tax Collector

Source MS-61

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 1998

Reconciliation-Checking Account

Balance 12/31/97		682,740.63
Add Receipts	3,074,303.96	
Total Available		3,757,044.59
Less Payments During Year	2,832,914.13	
Balance 12/31/98		924,130.46

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/98		67,397.48
Add Deposits in Transit	26,000.95	
Add Uncollected Item	40.50	
Add Short Term Investments	960,789.66	
Add Disputed Bank Charges	5.00	
Less Outstanding Checks	130,103.13	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/98		924,130.46

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer

	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Fire Dept Hazardous Materials	822.58	26.71		849.29
Police Dept Savings	648.96	121.20		770.16
CREA Savings	7,803.49	409.36		8,212.85
Rodney Palmer Fund	14,687.25	1,205.53	1,494.20	14,398.58
Conservation Fund	56,337.17	13,267.65		69,604.82

Respectfully submitted,
William Caterino
Town Treasurer

LONG TERM DEBT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
December 31, 1998

PAYMENT DATE	HIGHWAY GARAGE 5.45%		TOWN OFFICE 5.0%		TOTAL PAYMENT
	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	
June 15, 1999	3,270.00	30,000.00	829.11		34,099.11
December 15, 1999	2,452.50		833.67	32,800.00	36,086.17
June 15, 2000	2,452.50	30,000.00			32,452.50
December 15, 2000	1,635.00				1,635.00
June 15, 2001	1,635.00	30,000.00			31,635.00
December 15, 2001	817.50				817.50
June 15, 2002	817.50	30,000.00			30,817.50
Totals	13,080.00	120,000.00	1,662.78	32,800.00	167,542.78

Debt Service Totals By Year:		INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	TOTAL
	1999	7,385.28	62,800.00	70,185.28
	2000	4,087.50	30,000.00	34,087.50
	2001	2,452.50	30,000.00	32,452.50
	2002	817.50	30,000.00	30,817.50
	Totals	14,742.78	152,800.00	167,542.78

WAGES, BENEFITS, AND TOTAL COMPENSATION TOWN OF CORNISH

1998

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Wages</u>	<u>FICA</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Total Comp</u>
Boutillier, Michael	5,330.74	407.80	679.00	224.78	6,642.32
Cass, Nathan	617.76	47.26			665.02
Champney, David	4,757.22	363.93	277.92	197.90	5,596.97
Cooper, Eric	4,125.60	315.61			4,441.21
Duval, Lawrence	475.20	36.35			511.55
Duval, Michael	17,483.84	1,337.51		742.09	19,563.44
Fitch, James	2,723.76	208.37			2,932.13
Goewey, Paul	13,534.16	1,035.36		564.46	15,133.98
Kibbie, Robert A.	10,872.57	831.75	1,358.50	410.01	13,472.83
LaClair, Cecil A.	6,600.20	504.92	679.25	282.61	8,066.98
Morse, Harold	328.32	25.12			353.44
Morse, Jeffrey Scott	4,237.63	324.18		181.46	4,743.27
Nelson, Wayne	5,689.44	435.24			6,124.68
Spaulding, Thomas	26,736.57	2,045.35	3,211.00	1,130.11	33,123.03

BG/Cemetery

Abbott, George	5,257.50	402.20			5,659.70
Call, Cathy	516.60	39.52			546.12
Rock, John	9,685.00	740.90			10,425.90
Rock, Maybelle	45.00	3.44			48.44
Rondeau, Armond	4,196.25	321.01			4,517.26
Simoneau, Leona	66.00	5.05			71.05

Town Office

Caterino Jr William	600.00	45.90			645.90
Dingee, Lawrence S.	2,096.05	160.35			2,256.40
Hier, Anne M.	8,582.06	656.53			9,238.59
Hodgeman, Stuart	1,774.19	135.73			1,909.92
Maslan, Robert F.	6,149.13	470.41			6,619.54
Rock, Reigh	16,153.94	1,235.78			17,389.72

Police

Bodkins, Barritt C.	5,228.00	399.94			5,627.94
Boutillier, Michael	2,226.00	170.29			2,396.29
Hackett, E. Douglas	199.00	15.22			214.22
Morse, Scott	500.00	38.25			538.25
Osgood, Philip G.	23,142.00	1,770.36	2,593.50		27,505.86
Wadsworth, William	1,408.00	107.71			1,515.71

Election/Reg

Atwood, Eric	56.65				
Atwood, Leland	265.24				
Budlong, Sally	69.53				
Gallagher, William	77.25				
Jacklin, Alma	88.84				
Monette, Robin	257.51			No Benefits	
Redlands, Sandra	18.03				
Rock, Seward	60.51				
Rollins, Ruth G.	713.28				
Stone, Marion R.	203.43				
Whalen, Paul W. Jr.	114.60				

Police Special	Wages	FICA	Total Comp
Bonnier, Anthony E.	192.00	14.69	206.69
Burnham, Jeffrey	480.00	36.72	516.72
Ciullo, Michael	108.00	8.26	116.26
Kimtis Jr, Donald W.	432.00	33.05	465.05
Roberts, Richard	192.00	14.69	206.69
Webber, David	480.00	36.72	516.72
White, Antonio D.	192.00	14.69	206.69
Yacano, Michael	96.00	7.34	103.34
Library			
Freeland, Katherine	3,233.10	247.33	3,480.43
Scott, Theresa B.	900.90	68.92	969.82
Tyo-Doney, Stacy	288.60	22.08	310.68

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1998

Motor Vehicle Registrations Issued	\$184,592.00
Dog Licenses Issued / Animal Control	2,012.00
Dog Penalties And Fines	85.00
Marriage Licenses Sold	495.00
Landfill Tickets Sold	7040.00
Miscellaneous-Copier Use, Checklists, History books & Return Check Fee	281.82
Filing Fees For Titles	584.00
UCC Fees/Wetlands	937.25
Vital Statistics Fees	202.00
Fish & Game	<u>721.50</u>

TOTAL \$196,950.57

Total monies paid to Town Treasurer \$196,950.57

Respectfully submitted,
Reigh H. Rock
Town Clerk

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	1994	1995	1996	1997
Aldrich, George M.				1,538.11
Atkinson-Davis Corporation			255.79	318.11
Bailey, Arthur W.				2,210.99
Bailey, Beatrice E.				588.24
Eastman, Daniel B.				1,831.08
Gray, Everett				2,692.29
Hackett, Mary Elizabeth			2,850.31	3,104.38
Hall, Robert G.			1,143.19	1,260.67
Johnson, Harry				1,807.29
LaClair, Arthur			3,655.79	8,022.12
LaClair, Cecil			1,815.58	2,639.22
Land East Construction Corporation			57.39	91.45
Lewis, Wm S. / Lorraine J.				2,421.63
Lorandean Jr. & Sr. Sydney			774.02	869.22
Lord, Velma B				185.97
Marsh, Randall C.				2,634.29
McSwain Jr, James T.				3,443.18
Mitchell, Renee M.	2,254.25(1993)	2,342.45	2,413.15	
Morse Sr., Harold A.			1,726.28	2,619.56
Morse Sr., Kenneth			1,587.64	1,752.11
Morse, Jeffrey S.				253.10
O'Connor, Christopher				2,991.13
Oldenburg, Earland L./ Maria				1,806.39
Rock, Phillip S /Pauline L.				599.04
Shambo, Robert W./ Lorraine J.			974.93	2,512.47
Stone, Chas W. /Sheila M.	956.73	3,774.63	3,945.27	
Wallace, Marilyn			2,380.14	2,099.35
Wilkie, Steven / Laura			2,237.62	2,432.86
Zapletal, Jiri				57.38
Zapletal, Tertia				1,011.88
Total	\$2,254.25(1993)	\$3,299.18	\$6,187.78	\$23,403.95
				\$53,793.51

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each taxpayer for unredeemed taxes on account of the levies of 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996, and 1997 as of December 31, 1998, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Rock, Tax Collector

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, TOWN OF CORNISH, N.H.

December 31, 1998

Date Created	Name of Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	Where Invested	Principal	New Funds Created	Beginning Balance	INCOME			Ending Balance
							Received	Expended		
Var.	Perpet. Care	Cemeteries	Clt.Svg.Bnk	\$50,541.98	\$1,800.00	\$50,261.33	\$5,503.44	\$5,451.27	\$50,313.50	
1902	Beaman,C.	Guide Boards	AllianceSec.	1,173.06	0.00	3,386.45	323.26	0.00	3,709.71	
1909	Foss,J.	Flags Upkeep	AllianceSec.	1,731.40	0.00	5,053.73	479.42	328.96	5,204.19	
1889	Foss/Kimbl	Aid to Poor	AllianceSec.	5,096.04	0.00	10,409.53	1,251.19	0.00	11,660.72	
1971	Kennay,MJ	Aid to Elderly	Clt.Svg.Bnk.	4,044.61	0.00	6,615.23	535.60	0.00	7,150.83	
1902	Mercer,Wm	Aid to Educ.	Alnc/Fleet	13,214.61	0.00	39,548.66	4,014.67	1,000.00	42,563.33	
1898	Pub.Sch. Fund	Schools	Alliance Sec.	418.28	0.00	94.08	65.06	0.00	159.14	
1942	Sanderson	Child.Cem.Upk'p	Alliance Sec.	1,248.67	0.00	675.99	211.91	600.00	287.90	
1917	Stowell Library	Library	Fleet	500.00}	0.00	775.42}	869.28}	2,900.00	2,524.54	
			AllianceSec.	5,897.15}			261.54}			
1984	Vet.Mem'l	Upkeep	Clt.Svg.Bnk	4,500.00}	0.00	117.86	34.08	0.00	151.94	
1987	Cornish Wellf.	Aid to Needy	Clt.Svg.Bnk	500.00}	0.00	3,248.23	346.88	0.00	3,595.11	
			Clt.Svg.Bnk	3,518.54						
1982	New Police Cruiser		Clt.Svg.Bnk	8,000.00	4,000.00	9,178.61	640.70	0.00	13,819.31	
1967	Hwy Heavy Equip.		Clt.Svg.Bnk	89,500.00	35,000.00	103,846.23	6,955.36	0.00	145,801.59	
1970	Fire Truck		Clt.Svg.Bnk	39,000.00	13,000.00	42,882.96	2,855.95	0.00	58,738.91	
1985	Appraisal Fund		Clt.Svg.Bnk	19,000.00	5,000.00	25,032.51	1,474.32	0.00	31,506.83	
1995	Bridges		Clt.Svg Bnk	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,961.97	845.50	0.00	21,807.47	
1979	School Building Fund		Clt.Svg Bnk	7,500.00	2,000.00	9,017.08	482.97		11,500.05	
1986	Block Grant (Educational)		Clt.Svg Bnk	0.00	0.00	3,012.16	144.81		3,156.97	
SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE TOTAL:				\$7,500.00	2,000.00	12,029.24	627.78		14,657.02	

1997 New Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Guzman, Rosa & Juan	\$400	Chase	Johnson, Stephen	\$200	Child
Bannister, Elbert	\$400	Comings	Dow, Lester	\$200	Comings
Howard, Clarence(Add'l)	\$200	Edminster	Kuhre, Andrew & Vera	\$200	Edminster
Foster, Kathryn	\$200	Huggins			

The information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Barbara Rawson
Cynthia Kay Wegner
Willis S. Read

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31, 1998

Description

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$192,100
Furniture and Equipment	7,000
Library, Land and Building	149,000
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Police Department Equipment	25,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	146,900
Equipment	265,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	200,000
Equipment	506,000
Materials and Supplies	19,000
Selectmen's Old Office	50,000
New Town Office, Land and Buildings	154,400
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	175,100
CREA Land and Buildings	157,550
School, Land and Buildings	1,465,250
Contents	171,400

All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, and Other:

Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,900
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	24,150
Butman Lot	13,250
Recycling Center	37,450
Cemeteries, Vault, Hearse House	5,000
Fire Pond, School Street	1,150
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,300
Fire Pond on Town House Road	2,500
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	3,900
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	8,250
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	26,700
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,950
Map 6, Lot 3A (5 acres)	58,950
Bridge Parking Lot, Rte 12A	12,500

TOTAL **\$3,940,650**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 1998

The year of mud - the worst in recent memory - kept us busy for most of the Spring. Thousands of yards of bank-run/crushed gravel, highway fabric, hired equipment/men and extraordinary efforts by the Highway Department have the town dirt roads on the path to recovery. We will continue this effort for several years.

The rain and flood of June 16th was the next large impact on the Town's highway infrastructure. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assisted in the disaster by providing financial aid. Coupled with State and Town percentages, the FEMA total was \$72,368. Using those dollars we were able to reimburse portions of the highway budget, repair the washed-out approach at the Dingleton Hill covered bridge, stock pile some 8000 yards of crushed gravel and pre-buy material for paving in 1999.

Our Road Agent, Tom Spaulding, saw a complete turn over in his department this year. Cecil LaClair retired, Scott Morse and Mike Duval moved on to new jobs. Thanks to them for their service to the Town over the years. We welcome our new employees: Bob Kibby, Paul Goewey and Dave Champney. The department's equipment has held up pretty well but it's time to replace the 1984 loader which is about worn out.

The Police Department saw personnel turn-over as well. Joe Osgood retired with a surprise farewell party at the Town Hall. Thanks, Joe, for your many years of service to the Town of Cornish. The department is currently manned with four part-time police officers. Barry Bodkins is lead officer/administrator with Mike Boutillier, Bill Wadsworth, and Doug Hackett rounding out the force. The department functions very well under this arrangement.

The Cemetery Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad remained stable continuing their outstanding services.

The Spirit Committee has new life with help from Dale O'Connor and Nancy Newbold. They hope to take on new and worthy projects - sign up to help when asked - they need your support.

Sending two tax bills this year has been a worthy and successful task. Extra efforts by Reigh and Anne to complete information updates allowed the bills to be sent out on time. The result - no money and no interest spent.

Misc. Info: We changed the exterior lighting at the Town office among mixed reviews. The hazardous waste collections were a success - watch for spring and fall dates this year. We have a dog ordinance that was approved at last Town Meeting - it includes penalties if warnings are not heeded. 911 addresses will happen - soon. The Cornish Conservation Commission has purchased 270 acres - perhaps for a Town forest. The Cornish School will receive 3 times the State aid they anticipated. The Cornish Fair will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in August 1999.

It has been a busy and successful year for the Town. Thanks to those who help their town government through elected office or volunteer committees. We need everyone's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Dinglee

Stuart A. Hodgeman

Robert F. Maslan

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL AGENT 1998 REPORT

In 1989, the Selectmen created the Selectmen's Special Agent position for the purpose of confirming excavation information and soil suitability at potential new septic installations. Currently, the position is not funded by the town but by user fee, the average cost being \$20.00.

Results of Septic Digs in Cornish 1998

Feb 3	Tertia Zapletal, W/S So. Deming Road - 2 digs, successful
May 12	Richard Charles, W/S Route 120 - 1 dig, successful
May 15	Frank & Susan Schell, W/S Burr Road - 2 digs, successful
May 21	Cornish Elementary School, N/S Town House Road - 3 digs successful
July 27	John White, W/S Platt Road - 1 dig, successful
August 31	Grant Hodgdon, N/S Center Road - 1 dig, successful
December 4	Mike Morse, E/S Route 120 - 4 digs, successful

Selectmen's Special Agent,
Stuart Hodgeman

CORNISH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 1998 REPORT

The year 1998 was a very busy one for the Highway Department. We had extensive road damage due to the mud. Many rolls of road fabric and many yards of bank-run gravel along with many new culverts were used. We purchased a used road-side mower for the town. We have 7000 yards of crushed gravel due to go on the roads in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Spaulding
Road Agent

CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1998 REPORT

I wish to thank every member for their hard work over the last year.

Just so everyone realizes what goes into maintaining a Volunteer Fire Department. Each member is required, within a certain length of time, to reach a level one certification. This level takes about 150 hours of training. Plus, they are also required to attend a percentage of the 24 yearly in-house trainings. This takes a lot of dedication.

We also have to maintain a large fleet of equipment. Aside from breathing apparatus, portable pumps, air compressors, radios, hand tools, and personal protective gear. We also maintain two pumpers, one tanker, one mini pumper, and one utility truck along with two Fire Stations. I get tired just writing it all down.

I would also like to point out that because everyone works for no pay, we do all of this for a budget under \$30,000.00 So next time you meet a Cornish firefighter shake their hand and tell them you appreciate their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Cass, Fire Chief

Fire Calls	36
Accidents	12
Fire Alarms	8
Mutual Aid	11
Utility Problems	2
Misc.	2

TOTAL CALLS

1998	73		
1997	74	1994	98
1996	82	1993	92
1995	103	1992	79

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1998 REPORT

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 Fire Statistics (All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>		<u>Fires Reported by County</u>	
Smoking	59	Belknap	44
Debris Burning	38	Carroll	89
Campfire	29	Cheshire	67
Power Line	14	Coos	18
Railroad	09	Grafton	43
Equipment Use	24	Hillsborough	232
Lightning	16	Merrimack	108
Children	95	Rockingham	121
OHRV	06	Strafford	64
Miscellaneous	53	Sullivan	12
Unknown	140		
Fireworks	6		
Arson/Suspicious	16		
Illegal	231	TOTAL FIRES	798
Rekindle	43	TOTAL ACRES	442.86
Disposal of Ashes	19		

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Nathan Cass
Forest Fire Warden

Deputy Wardens: Dale O'Connor
Leland Atwood
Larry Dingee
Bob Mordenti

Dale Rook
Paul Whalen
Mike Boutilier

CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1998 REPORT

The year 1998 brought a number of changes to the Cornish Police Department. The most noticeable change is the retirement of Chief Joe Osgood after 19 years of service to the department. The department wishes Joe the best in his retirement.

The second noticeable change was a lot of new faces to include Barry Bodkins Officer in Charge, Mike Boutillier who was hired as an officer in May after attending part-time officers school. Doug Hackett returned to the department in November. Bill Wadsworth is still in the department and will be teaching D.A.R.E. at the Cornish School again this year.

The last two months of the year saw the department upgrading equipment to include Glock 9MM weapons for officers to carry on duty. The second upgrade is the officers have new uniform shirts - dark blue with light blue trim around the pockets and epaulettes.

The Department asks your support of the 1999 proposed police department budget and an article to place money in the reserve fund for future purchase of a new police cruiser.

Anytime you have a question or problem feel free to contact the Claremont Communications Center and have an officer call you back. We look forward to serving you in 1999.

Yours in Safety,

Barritt C. Bodkins
Officer in Charge

William S. Wadsworth
Officer

Mike Boutillier
Officer

Doug Hackett
Officer

Police Calls 1998

Accidents	42	Alarms	47
Assist Other Dept	10	Animal Complaints	19
Building Checks	12	Be on Look-out	09
Burglary	03	Check Well Being	03
Community Service	18	Criminal Mischief	05
Criminal Threatening	01	Criminal Trespass	04
Department Requests	02	Disabled Vehicles	15
Dog Complaints	39	Domestics	11
DWI Arrests	03	Fights	04
Illegal Dumping	01	Fire Calls	05
Found Property	02	Harassment	04
Highway Matters	08	House Checks	01
Juvenile Problems	08	Medical Calls	10
Manner of Operation	01	Message Delivery	02
MV Stops	95	Noise Complaints	02
OHRV Complaints	01	Open Doors	05
Police Info	37	Public Hazards	02
Request Officer	47	Serve Paperwork	04
Shots Fired	03	Suspicious Activity	12
Traces 9-1-1	11	Traffic Complaints	06
Wanted Persons	02		

Yearly total 520

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD 1998 REPORT

In April of 1974 the Cornish Rescue Squad was created and we are planning to celebrate our 25th year of serving Cornish and Plainfield. We would like to thank our past members who built the foundation that the Rescue Squad is built on. The Cornish Rescue Squad continues with the tradition of being one of the most respected EMS providers in the Upper Valley.

The past year has been a good one for us. We had our average of 150 calls including mutual aid. This winter we are offering an Emergency Medical Technician Course for the Squad. We had excellent participation in the last year's First Responder course adding new members to the Squad, re-certifying squad members and training members of the community as well as Firefighters in both towns. A number of members attended a Vehicle Extrication course co-sponsored with Windsor Fire Dept. last fall. We assisted in a Bike Helmet Drive that placed 150 bicycle helmets in both towns.

If you have any special health concerns at your house please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

New members interested in EMS or willing to assist us in the non-EMS aspects of our organization are very welcome.

On a personal note as I complete my third year as President I would like to publicly thank the outstanding members of the squad for their dedication and service to the community. It is an honor to work with you.

We are very thankful for the great support we have received over the years from the residents of Cornish and Plainfield. Your continued support allows us to serve you in an emergency.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarragher, President

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT 1998 Report

We put up new fence at Chase cemetery and have about 80 feet left to do. There is about 100 feet left to do in all the cemeteries and they will all have been done once. The road in Edminster Cemetery was redone. The stones in the north end of Child cemetery have all been cleaned. We would like to thank the Cub Scouts for putting up the flags in the cemeteries.

John Rock, Sexton

HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1998 REPORT

Fortunately 1998 was a routine year for health officer duties, which included inspection of 27 food booths at the fair, inspection for day care licensing, foster home relicensing, privy construction and well water contamination.

Also this year I was happy to learn that some federal grants and extremely low interest loans are available for low income and elderly home owners who need to fix health or safety hazards or make a home handicapped accessible. For information contact me or Laura Gibson at the Sullivan County USDA Office of Rural Development, 603-756-3230.

Virginia Prince
Town Health Officer

OVERSEERS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE 1998 REPORT

The past year has been one of our busiest, with the additional caseload consisting primarily of people requiring illness related emergency assistance. In most cases, the needs were relatively short term until the crises could be resolved or other resources accessed.

Many people have contributed assistance, services and resources to support our program. A local family donated Christmas trees. A long time Cornish resident gave a generous cash contribution to a family in severe need. River's Edge Farm in Plainfield donated over 30 bushels of potatoes to the Cornish food pantry. The Grange contributed two food baskets to local families, and a Cornish resident in need of medical assistance repaid the entire grant of \$300 within a few short weeks.

We extend our thanks to the many individuals and organizations who have supported our efforts to provide services to our community.

The Committee for General Assistance

Cornie Kousman
Martha Zoerheide
Judith Kaufman

CORNISH PLANNING BOARD 1998 REPORT

In 1998 the Planning Board held hearings on 12 applications for subdivision and annexation - all of these were approved. The Articles on Telecommunication Towers were passed at the 1998 Town Meeting and are now part of the Cornish Zoning Ordinance. The Board devoted several meetings to discussing the Merger Provisions of the Ordinance as well as revisions to the Home Occupation and Cottage Industry portions of the Ordinance. Articles 2 through 4 of the Ballot concern changes we would like to make in the Ordinance this year.

Last year Ellen Ballard, Connie Kousman, and Katie Pond were appointed as alternates to the Planning Board. Katie has moved from the area so we will need to fill her position as an alternate this year. If anyone is interested please contact the Selectmen.

1998 ACTIONS

Subdivisions

Lynda Downing	Center Road
Robin Waterman	Lower East Road
William S. Wadsworth, III	Jackson Road
Troy & Alicia Simino, David & Linda Phillippe	Route 120
Douglas & Linda Fournier	Ironwood Drive
(subdivision in Claremont portion of property)	

Annexations

Lynda Downing	Center Road
Ellen Oberkotter	Sunrise Hill Road
Ellen & Andrew Smith	East Road
Arnold & Cynthia Wilkie	Potato Hill Road
Daniel Flynn & Rebecca Illsley	Off Center Road
Stephen & Nancy Smith	Creamery Road
Carolyn Rattray	Route 120

Cheston Newbold, Chairman
Anne Hier, Secretary
Larry Dingee, For the Selectmen
Lee Baker
Ellen Ballard, Alternate

Peter Storrs
Jack Rock
John Hammond, Vice Chairman
Connie Kousman, Alternate

CORNISH CONSERVATION COMMISSION 1998

As in previous years there has been a lot of activity on the part of the Commission in 1998. At Town Meeting we presented the Conservation Award to the Cornish Road Crew for their efforts at keeping a balance between roads that are passable and still visually attractive as well as their efforts in making our annual Green Up Day such a success. The award was a carved wooden plaque with a view of a Town road that was carved by Augie Dworak. We held a successful Green Up Week in early May. We reviewed dredge and fill permit applications as we received them and had on-site visits to them as well. We also visited some sites where the permit process has not yet started. (The Commission is always happy to discuss and review plans before the permit stage.) In June we sponsored the School's "River Fest Day" using monies from the Rodney Palmer Fund.

There was a great deal of discussion about the barn on the CREA property. The selectmen assigned a committee to study the possibilities. At this time there has been no firm decision as to what to do with the barn. It was decided to stabilize it to ensure that it does not fall down.

Members of the Commission, Planning Board and Historical Society along with other interested parties met with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to learn about a possible plan that would help towns identify and preserve sites that help make Cornish Cornish. The different groups each made suggestions and a master list of possible sites was submitted.

The Commission has spent a great deal of time building base line data for properties that the Town holds an interest in. These are properties where the Town holds a conservation easement which was received as a gift or they are properties that were involved with the state wide LCIP (Land Conservation Investment Program). It is the responsibility of the Commission to monitor these properties to ensure that the conditions of the easements are being honored. Additional time was spent in the field monitoring the properties. This process has allowed us to familiarize ourselves with the different pieces. This is an ongoing task but with good data it should not be as time consuming in the future.

As the year drew to a close we heard of a 270 acre parcel of land that was owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and was on the market. The parcel was on the Claremont line of Root Hill Road. We met with the Society to discuss possible sale. After walking sections of the property, reviewing reports and having lengthy discussions on the pros and cons of the Town owning this piece we voted to offer the Society \$70,000 for the parcel. In late December we learned that they had accepted our offer. As we enter the new year we will be working at completing the purchase process and having the parcel designated a Town Forest.

Herricka Poor, Chairman
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate
Stuart Hodgeman, For the Selectmen
Rae Ann Melloh, Alternate
Brook Moore
Janice Orion, Secretary

Mike Yatsevitch
Nancy Newbold, Alternate
Paul Queneau, Alternate
Don Snowdon
Donna Bleazard
Gar Hier, Alternate

CORNISH HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 1998 REPORT

In view of the variety of comments made at the 1998 Town Meeting, the Historic District Commission would like to remind Cornish citizens that:

- (a) the geographical area of any historic district proposed for the town would require voter approval;
- (b) the guidelines applying to structures in the district would also require voter approval;
- (c) the only part of the Town now being considered for inclusion in a historic district roughly borders Route 12A.

The Commission has circulated a petition to Cornish residents within the general boundaries of the former Cornish Colony that is roughly along Route 12A north of the Covered Bridge to Hildreth Lane and consisting of about 1% of the towns total land area. The petition asked property owners if they wanted the Historic District Commission to continue its functions and whether they would favor having a historic district in the confines of the old Cornish Colony. The response by 43 property owners and residents was overwhelmingly positive. As the response was so favorable and as the Commission will cost the Cornish taxpayers no money, it hopes to continue to work to refine the definition of the district and its guidelines so that it can propose them to the town at its meeting next year.

Tony Neidecker
Nancy Newbold
Stuart Hodgeman, Selectmen's Representative
James Atkinson
Barbara Lewis

Caroline Storrs
John Dryfhout
Jenny Schad

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 1998 REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard two cases during 1998 - One concerning a Home Occupation and one a Day Care facility. Both were granted with conditions.

Karim Chichakly, Chairman
Eric Webb, Clerk and Secretary
David Wood, Clerk
Dale Rook, Alternate

Caroline Storrs
Keith Beardslee
William Balch, Alternate
Bruce Tracy, Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST 1998

The year 1998 was a busy one for the Supervisors of the Checklist, which demanded holding many sessions. New registrants totaled 100, with many name, address and party changes to make as well. Town, school, primary and general elections, held in 1998, required several sessions to update lists as well as the card file. Budgeting and reports, printing and proof reading are also necessary.

As required by law many letters had to be written to voters leaving the community, letting them know we were deleting their names from the voter list. Notification to other towns, to allow them to delete names of those registering in Cornish, is also required

Registering new voters during elections has made an additional task, not only for supervisors, but also for the town clerk and ballot clerks, who have to add each name and address to their lists, after people register with us on election days.

Whenever possible it would be appreciated if residents would register with the town clerk or supervisors prior to elections to help avoid this confusion. Prior registration would also avoid having to reprint the voter list as often, which is also costly.

There were 395 votes cast at the 1998 School District meeting and 365 votes cast at the Annual Town meeting in March. 237 voted in the State Primary Election in September and 689 voted in the State General Election in November.

Ruth G. Rollins, Chairman
Leland E. Atwood
Robin C. Monette

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 1998 REPORT

The Finance Committee is an advisory committee functioning as an intermediary between the School Board and the public and between the Select Board and the public. Its basic purpose is to assist in the budget process and to help with problems which may arise during the year. Quarterly meetings were held with the Select Board to review the Town's expenses and budget variances. School Board meetings were also attended by one or more members.

The Committee reviews every item on every budget with an eye toward ever improving the prudent management of Town funds and resources. Recommendations are made throughout the budget process and, although not binding, are reflected in the final budget. Cooperation by the Select Board, School Board and various town departments with the Committee has been excellent, and we hope the process has been helpful to the efficient running of the Town of Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,

William Caterino, Ex officio
Brad Churchill
John Collins, Chairman
Fred Sullivan
Susanne Lupien
Alan Penfold

CORNISH RECYCLING COMMITTEE
1998 REPORT
The oldest (1977) volunteer-run recycling center in NH

This year's challenge has been to find a new collector for our recyclables. In July, Hoyt trucking was bought by Cassella and the price for each pickup increased from \$60 to \$600. After many calls to local truckers, Gary's Disposal was willing to transport our products to Recycling Services, Inc. in Claremont for a \$200 fee through the end of the 1998 year. The fee for 1999 was increased to \$300 for each pickup.

We thank the Highway Department for repairing a culvert, transporting the glass, and plowing and grading the facility. And, we certainly could not do this without our many volunteers who cheerfully sign up weekly.

Statistics: About 24 cars go through the center each Saturday. (We are always seeing new faces.) The total actual weight for 1998 was 42.73 Tons. This included aluminum, newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, cardboard, boxboard, plastic, steel cans; household batteries taken to the transfer station in Claremont, and 10 Tons of glass transported to RSI. We are not paid for any of the above. \$191.95 was collected for deposits and contributed to the general fund - a help towards our unexpected increase in trucking costs.

1998 Expenses

Trucking	\$1245.00
Northeast Resources Dues	100.00
Mattress Bags (for plastic collection)	130.00
Total Expenses	\$1475.00

1998 Income

Vermont deposit bottles & Cans	\$191.95
(This revenue credited to General Fund)	

The Center is preparing a product for market which means that items must be clean, compact and sorted. **A change in plastic collection:** Tubs are no longer accepted. If the top is larger than the bottom or if container does not have a screw top, it is considered a tub. Continue to check aluminum on the magnet provided (aluminum does not stick) until you know your brands. Please remember to keep Vermont deposit plastics, cans and bottles separate to be placed in the shed for redemption.

The Center is open every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., except on holiday weekends, until plowed after storms, and by chance if -10 F or colder. The facility depends upon volunteers - two usually work together. Consider signing up for a Saturday morning, if only once or twice during the year. It is a great opportunity to meet those in the community who frequent the center. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for additional information.

Donna Bleazard
Loel & Leigh Callahan
Rev & Nancy Wightman

Richard Thompson
Pat Pinkson-Burke

Connie Kousman
Janice Orion
Barbara & Paul Atherton

CORNISH HONOR SOCIETY 1998 REPORT

We have continued to work with the Cornish School Librarian, Ms. Kathy Patterson, to improve the School's older computers by adding more memory capability. In this regard, Trustees voted to reimburse Kathy for monies that she personally expended on computer memories. Kathy will let us know if other worthwhile projects come during the school year.

In searching for other projects where the Society could be of assistance to Cornish children, in addition to our Cornish School and Town Library Projects, it was decided at our annual meeting to help the Cornish United Church by donating funds to their Sunday School program. The funds are intended to purchase supplies and materials that would otherwise not be available to the program. Another project that came to our attention was Boy Scout Troop 332, and funds have been sent to Robert Alves in this regard.

If anyone wishes to contact the Society with ideas or suggestions for future projects, please contact any of the Trustees. You may also reach me at the following email address: jwhite@cyperportal.net.

Trustees of the Cornish Honor Society

John White, Chair
Bill Ardinger, Treasurer
Ann Neidecker
Joanne Miller

Joanne Ardinger, Vice Chair
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Mike Yatsevitch

SPIRIT COMMITTEE 1998 REPORT

In keeping with the tradition of the Spirit Committee, the following projects have been planned for the spring of 1999:

- painting of cemetery fences
- repair and painting of Hearse House located on Town House Road

Although decreased availability of volunteers has left the Spirit Committee struggling to survive, we are optimistic that with your help, we will be able to continue. We are looking for groups and/or organizations that have projects to complete to come forward and provide volunteers for their projects. The Spirit Committee through town funding will provide supplies and some support for their project. Our goal is to continue doing one or two projects yearly.

If you are interested in volunteering, or if your organization or group has a project that you would like help with, please give us a call.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale O'Connor
Nancy Newbold

CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION 1998 REPORT

The Directors of the Cornish Fair continue to endeavor to improve and upgrade our Fair each year. With the weather's cooperation, 1998 saw a record attendance of 16,500 over the three day period.

Over 20 local organizations were able to raise funds through participation in the fair. 1998 saw the largest dairy show held in the state under the direction of Marcia Clark. Pony, horse and ox pulling contests continue to be popular events.

As we continue in our efforts to support youth in agriculture through 4-H, 1998 was an outstanding year with 4-H premiums reaching an all time high of \$9,669. Both children and adults saw premiums reach \$2500 for exhibits in the school including flowers, fancy work, culinary, vegetables, art and quilting. Special exhibits were very popular.

In keeping with our support of youth, the Fair provided a bus to transport 8th graders and their French visitors on a field trip to Boston and we continue with our annual scholarship.

For the first time a local talent show was featured on Friday evening. It is our hope that this event will bring out the many talents in the area.

The Directors are very proud to announce that Bob Bladen, President of the Cornish Fair Association is now also the President of the New Hampshire Fair Association.

We are encouraging the community to become more active in our fair as 1999 is the 50th year of the Cornish Fair. Our fair functions completely through volunteer help and everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings at 7:30 on the first Monday of each month in the blue trailer on North Parsonage Road. Do visit us on our WEB page at www.cornishfair.com.

Martha Churchill, Secretary
Cornish Fair Association

CORNISH MEETINGHOUSE 1998 REPORT

The Meetinghouse in Cornish Flat has made several improvements this year. A new exterior light fixture was installed over the front steps which was made possible by the generous donation of Hannah B. Schad. Mark Dube has also made a generous contribution to the Meetinghouse and is presently painting the Roman numerals of the west face clock and the face itself. The trustees and the Town of Cornish sincerely thank these generous individuals for their support and time.

The Meetinghouse was again used on a regular basis each month by the Cornish Historical Society. The building was also open on Memorial Day for the service on May 30th. This year the Farmer's Market used the building on several occasions so as to extend their outreach to the community in the colder months. Hannah Schad also opened the building to several people who lived in Cornish many years ago and used the building as their place of worship and wished to renew their memories and their family's connection to Cornish.

If anybody would like to use the building for a town sponsored event, there is no charge. The building is also available to private groups for meetings or such events as weddings. There is a small charge for non-town sanctioned events. In the winter months we do ask a small donation for oil since we have such a limited budget to work from. Please call Caroline Storrs at 675-9376 if you would like to use the building.

Financial Report 1998

Balance on Hand 1/1/98		\$2,155.41
Income		
Interest Income	\$ 59.38	
Total Income		59.38
Expenses		
Fuel	\$ 17.66	
Maintenance	83.60	
Electricity	87.19	
Less Total Expenses		-188.45
Balance on Hand 1/1/99		\$2,026.34

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson
George Edson, Treasurer
Mark Burgess

Susan Chandler, Vice Chairperson
Orville Fitch

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY 1998 REPORT

It's been another wonderfully busy year at the library. Tremendous electronic advances allow us to provide services through our small rural library that could previously be expected only in urban areas. The New Hampshire "Intranet" allows us to communicate with NH libraries and librarians electronically. We can exchange books, get answers to difficult reference questions, find out how other libraries are handling budget, personnel, and policy issues, all within a day or two. The NH State Library has contracted services from a variety of providers and has passed them on to smaller libraries like ours. We can request periodical articles in a variety of ways (many can be printed out immediately) search for poetry based on a line, poet or title, or retrieve state and government information in a fraction of the time these requests used to take.

We've also improved personnel services at the library this year. In August, Terrie Scott was appointed Assistant Librarian by the board of trustees. Terrie now handles the day-to-day library operations, including the scheduling and training of library volunteers. I continue to manage inter-library loans, acquisitions and other administrative tasks. This division of labor has been very successful and is another step in our efforts to provide the best library service for the people of Cornish.

Though we welcome the opportunities that new technology affords, we maintain our commitment to reading. Most of what you'll see in your town library is books. We intend to keep it that way. Our collection changes and grows weekly. We make every effort to be responsive to the needs of our patrons and are proud to serve you. If you are not currently a library patron, please consider becoming one. All library services are free to Cornish residents, registration is painless, and the benefits of library use are life-long.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated their time, money, or materials to the library this year. As always we are grateful to the dedicated volunteer staff who work at the library and on the bookmobile each month. Their energy and generosity make the library and its services possible. Thank you all for your help and support.

See you at the library!

Kate Freeland
Librarian

Circulation Statistics - 1998

People	3,237	Books	3,409
Magazines	311	Videotapes	569
Copier	181	Computer	105

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

Budget Report

1998 INCOME:		Change from previous year
Balance 12/31/97	\$692.29	\$ -496.11
Trust Funds	2,900.00	1,900.00
Town Funds	8,730.00	9.00
Interest	56.13	9.68
Book Fines	274.29	127.29
Book Sale	87.70	-143.34
Donations	200.00	-37.67
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,940.41	\$1,368.85
LESS EXPENSES FOR 1997:	12,164.83	
BALANCE 12/31/98	\$ 775.58	

1999 INCOME (ESTIMATED):		Change from last year
Balance 12/31/98	\$ 775.58	\$83.29
Trust Funds	1,500.00	-1,400.00
Requested Town Funds	10,036.77	1306.77
Interest, book sale, book fines & donations	400.00	218.12
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,712.35	\$1,603.35

1998 BUDGETED EXPENSES: \$12,712.35

APPROPRIATION REQUESTED FROM THE TOWN: \$10,036.77

Expenses	Estimated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999	Change
Librarian	\$4,134.00	\$4,134.00	\$1,924.00	\$(2,210.00)
Assistant Librarian	0.00	0.00	2,496.00	2,496.00
Social Security	292.09	292.05	308.26	16.17
Medicare	68.31	68.31	72.09	3.78
Library training	150.00	65.00	150.00	0
Books	3,200.00	3,256.53	3,500.00	300.00
Periodicals	375.00	373.69	375.00	0
Audio-Visuals	300.00	178.29	400.00	100.00
General Supplies	200.00	156.92	200.00	0
Trustee expenses	25.00	25.00	25.00	0
Building maintenance	1,500.00	1,510.84	500.00	(1,000.00)
Janitor	577.20	577.20	552.00	(25.20)
Electricity	300.00	263.25	300.00	0
Oil/wood	1,000.00	763.23	1,000.00	0
Telephone	400.00	376.59	760.00	360.00
Postage	70.00	82.80	100.00	30.00
Advertising	30.00	41.53	50.00	20.00
Copier	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTALS:	\$11,621.60	\$12,164.83	\$12,712.35	\$90.75

Librarian's salary: \$9.25/hour for 4 hours for 52 weeks. Assistant Librarian's salary: \$8.00/hour for 6 hours for 52 weeks. Janitor's salary: \$8.00/hour for 5.75 hours per month. Social security is figured at 6.2%, Medicare at 1.45%

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1998 Report

The Society continued its efforts to discover items of local historical interest and to be a repository for their preservation and protection. We are also attending to our emphasis on playing an active role in the community by focusing several of our meetings on local history, both of today and yesterday.

In September we heard from Constance E. Putnam, the co-author of the recently published biography of Nathan Smith — *Improve, Perfect, and Perpetuate*. Dr. Nathan Smith was born in 1762 and died in 1829. The town has every right to be proud of this remarkable man who was instrumental in the founding of the Medical Schools at: Dartmouth College in 1797; Yale University in 1813; Bowdoin College in 1821; and the University of Vermont in 1822. The lively talk centered on the role Cornish played in his career.

Cornish's importance in today's world was addressed at the October meeting as we learned more about how the Internet and modern technology are making the rich heritage both of Cornish's past and of the Connecticut River Valley available to an ever-widening community. Robert B. Stephenson, a member of a project sponsored by the Connecticut River Joint Commission, described how he gathered and disseminated. His graphic talk demonstrated Cornish's position on the Connecticut River Heritage Trail and its portrayal on the Internet.

In the spring of 1999 our focus will be on women, the past, and the present. In April, thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council, we shall hear from Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith. They will discuss the problem of the separated family during America's western expansion, based on their extensive examination of primary sources.

In May we hope to be able to hear about a frequently overlooked member of our artistic community: Elmer Bartlett (1874–1965). A person with talent as a teacher, musician, and singer he is primarily remembered for his interest in photography and reverse painting on glass. Furthermore, he used this talent in the service of recording many local scenes; thus, his art is a historical record. The Stowell Library has an example of his wood carving.

Finally, since June seems to be a time when gardens are on so many people's minds, we shall have an opportunity to learn from someone who has made a career out of helping people think through how to design a garden. After presenting a brief slide lecture, Lynn Schad will take us on a tour of her own garden so that people will be able to better visualize these ideas.

In addition to our annual bake sale at the close of Memorial Day exercises each year, we should like to remind you that we offer the following items for purchase to help further the work of the Society. They are available during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, and from members of the Board.

- *Revolutionary War Papers* — General Jonathon Chase
- *History of the Town of Cornish*, Volumes I & II (1975 reprint) — William H. Child
- *History of Cornish, New Hampshire*, Volume III — Barbara E. Rawson
- *A Brief History of Cornish, 1763–1974* (1991 reprint with supplement) — Hugh M. Wade. The supplement describes and illustrates the town's four covered bridges, its four historic highway markers, and its recent town buildings. It also provides an index of Cornish residents from 1961–74 (a list of everyone who lived in town but was excluded from the genealogies published in the two most recent town histories).
- *Footprints of the Past; Images of Cornish, New Hampshire, and the Cornish Colony* — Virginia Reed Colby and James B. Atkinson. a book that complements the material contained in the four previous books about Cornish's past.

- Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge note paper, postcards, tiles, and sterling silver and bronze medals.

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore, the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President
Betty Caterino, Vice President
Bernice Johnson, Secretary
Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary
Hanna Schad, Treasurer



Powder horn belonging to Lebbeus H. Chase born January 21, 1779 in Cornish, the son of General Jonathan Chase and Sarah Hall Chase and the grandson of "Judge" Samuel Chase, the Town's first selectman, and Mary Dudley Chase. The Powder horn belongs to James Atkinson and was photographed by Alan Penfold

STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SAINT-GAUDENS MEMORIAL

Regarding the acquisition and future use of Blow-Me-Down farm

In the fall of 1998 the trustees of Saint-Gaudens memorial were able to acquire the 48-acre parcel on the Connecticut River known as Blow-Me-Down Farm, with the intention (supported by the National Park Service) that it eventually become part of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.

This goal has been discussed for many years and was incorporated into the Site's General management Plan. The drafting of the GMP — a process that lasted from initial discussions by the trustees in 1989 to final approval of the GMP by the Park Service in 1996 — was a cooperative effort that included extensive discussions and comment by Park Service personnel, Site staff, trustees, the Memorial's community liaisons and members of the community. We believe that there has been general support for the goals for Blow-Me-Down Farm and that they are beneficial for both the Site and the town.

The effect of non-profit ownership on the town's tax roles has always been a concern and point of discussion among the trustees (the Memorial is itself a tax-exempt organization as chartered by the New Hampshire legislature in 1919). Currently, the trustees hold the deed to this land but the former owners retain a life tenancy. As mandated by law, the property taxes (currently assessed at \$13,000) will be paid on this land as long as this, or any other tenancy, continues. It should be noted that there is every probability that the tenants will remain on the property for many years.

However, when tenancy is terminated and the tax obligation ends, the trustees hope to sit down with representatives from the town to work out an equitable arrangement of payments in lieu of taxes, for as long as the Memorial continues to hold title to the property.

Just as the drafting of the GMP was a cooperative effort, so too will be the planning for the future of Blow-Me-Down Farm. The GMP states a number of possible Site-related uses for the land including offices, a visitor center, etc.; it says that because of the land's historic association with Charles Beaman, it could be an appropriate site for exhibitions related to the Cornish Colony; and it also notes the possibility that this land could simply serve as buffer against future development on the historic site's periphery. During GMP discussions, the trustees and the Memorial's designated liaisons with the community expressed their concerns about possible over-development, or inappropriate development, on this site and, as a result, the Park Service responded that it will "consult with the town and the Memorial on all phase two projects" (one of which is the Blow-Me-Down Farm).

Since 1919, the trustees have made enormous contributions to the Site and to the community — through their ongoing free programs (exhibits and concerts, local grants and scholarships) and special projects (creation of castings of the Farragut and Shaw monuments, videotapes and educational projects).

Recently, the trustees agreed to undertake another large and exciting project: to stabilize and preserve the historic and architecturally significant red barn (possibly designed by the firm of McKim, Mead and White) which is located on Blow-Me-Down Farm. To accomplish this, the trustees have committed to raise (or otherwise use from their endowment) up to \$150,000.

It is our hope and our intention that the acquisition of Blow-Me-Down Farm will ultimately add to the character and value of both the historic site and the community. We believe that working together, the Park Service, the town, and the trustees can make this project one that benefits all.

Byron Bell
President of the Board of Trustees

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGION REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 1998 SCRDD Report

Cornish is a member of the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District (SCRDD), which means that we are also members of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project (SWP). The SWP is still making headlines and causing environmental and financial concern on our behalf. The latest episode is the result of financial troubles caused by:

- a) the new contract with Wheelabrator Corp., owners of the trash incinerator, which says we pay them for disposal whether we deliver trash or not;
- b) the arrival in Sullivan County of national trash-hauling companies; and
- c) inept management of SCRDD and SWP.

The latest SWP financial problems began when the new Wheelabrator contract was signed and the national haulers moved into Sullivan County, as I mentioned in last year's Town Meeting Report. The hauling companies forced SWP to drop the tipping fee to \$51 per ton by threatening to haul local trash to disposal sites other than Wheelabrator, but the \$51 tipping fee doesn't provide enough money to expand the ash landfill, which becomes full in December 2000, seven years earlier than planned.

The current debacle erupted when the SWP began negotiations to sell the publicly-owned ash landfill in Newport to an international trash corporation. The corporation would import 400-500 tons per day of out-of-state trash to dump at the ash landfill, which is 1000 feet from the Sugar River, a source of Claremont's drinking water. Intense opposition by citizens, elected officials and editorial writers has arisen and is growing.

The next controversy to hit Wheelabrator and the SWP will center on millions of dollars soon to be needed to install mercury pollution-control equipment at the Wheelabrator incinerator. The incinerator is the third largest single source of mercury pollution in the state.

During 1998 the Windsor Board of Selectmen voted not to accept SWP ash landfill leachate for treatment at the town's waste-water treatment plant because of the threat of chemical pollution in the resulting sludge. The leachate is now trucked to Massachusetts for disposal.

The SCRDD bylaws require that meetings be held every other month, but in 1998 we met only twice. In my opinion this was the result of poor management by SCRDD officials.

I am sorry that my report does not contain more positive news, but the financial condition of the Sullivan County trash district remains a very serious problem.

I believe it is time to begin planning for trash management after Wheelabrator, and I would like to work with citizens to develop trash management in Cornish that is based on waste reduction and convenient recycling.

William E. Gallagher
District Representative
SCRDD

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT 1998 Report

We began the year saving everyone \$22.34 per ton of solid waste delivered to the Claremont waste-to-energy plant. This is the result of reducing the tipping fee from \$74.09 to \$51.75 and has reversed the trend in recent years for a substantial portion of our collective waste stream to be diverted, thereby demonstrating that economic flow control can and does work. By working together to keep the tipping fees low and maximize recycling efforts, both the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District will more effectively fulfill their obligations of managing and disposing of waste generated within their member towns.

In addition to the reduction in tipping fees, a collection policy was also adopted which enabled Project staff to collect over \$250,000 in outstanding receivables. This did include one sizable account that had to be resolved through litigation, but a majority of the accounts have been handled by our office.

Unlike years past, the Project was only involved in one significant lawsuit this year. The legal action prompted by Acworth's unilateral attempt to withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, and thereby the Project, was resolved earlier this year with Ackworth remaining a member of the Sullivan County District. The trial court determined that Ackworth had inappropriately withdrawn from the District; although the issue of damages did go to trial, it was settled after a half-day of testimony.

Planning efforts were initiated in the spring of 1998 to address the future management of solid waste by the Districts as well as pre-existing contractual obligations, and resulted in several avenues being identified and explored. A Request for Proposals was published in May that invited interested parties to submit proposals for operating the ash landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. Several proposals were received, although none included a regional recycling facility, and analysis of options is ongoing. After identifying several major objectives, including ensuring the environmental integrity of the site, minimizing current and future liability, and creating alternatives and options for Project communities, it was determined that a sale or long-term lease of the property appears to best address these objectives. The sale/lease option is the only option under consideration that requires the participation of an outside party — all other options remain within the control of the Project and include:

- Closure upon exhaustion of existing capacity, trucking ash from 2001–2007 to an alternate site;
- Bond the construction of sufficient capacity to meet the demands of ash disposal under the Wheelabrator contract; or
- Bond the construction of a full expansion of the site and accept commercial waste.

All of these "internal" options, however, preserve the current liabilities that accrue to each member of the Districts and any expansion would require a bond to finance initial construction expenses. The sale/lease option continues to be discussed and input is welcome, with the hope that a strategic plan for the site can be prepared during the first quarter of 1999 for presentation at public meetings and for consideration by the Joint Committee.

In addition, samples were taken from the landfill in July by Fritz Enterprises inc. in order to evaluate the feasibility of recovering the metals present in the ash. The results indicate that it is feasible to bring a mobile separation unit to the site in order to recover both ferrous and non-ferrous metals for recycling. It is hoped that this effort will be completed in 1999.

On the legislative front, several issues have arisen which directly or indirectly affect the member communities. The Vermont legislature passed a mercury reduction bill that

established a mercury advisory committee and is, in part, targeting emissions from waste-to-energy incinerators. Although the Project is exempt from this statute because the contract with Wheelabrator was already in place upon adoption of the statute, it is of continuing interest to all members of the Project. Currently, the advisory committee is recommending the revival of the investigations of the Project by the Vermont Attorney General and the State Auditor's offices, with a recommended focus on finances and contractual obligations.

The New Hampshire legislature will see several bills introduced that affect the Project, as well, including establishing a committee to study the Sullivan County District, to repeal the inter-state compact, land use in Newport, and items generally addressing solid waste and mercury. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has also published a mercury reduction strategy that is anticipated to become the subject of legislative action this year as well.

Districts have signed an agreement with Wheelabrator which provides for the immediate refund of over \$30,000 that was paid for the analysis of ash from the incinerator and establishes a split fee schedule for the duration of the Waste Disposal Agreement. The discrepancy was discovered by the Project bookkeeper, Denise Callum, during budget preparation activities.

The Joint Committees and both Districts have also approved the 1999 operating budget. The total budget is \$3,210,828, with Sullivan County District share being 57.83% and the Vermont District share being 42.17%, based on the historical average of deliveries for the last ten years. This budget allows the tipping fee to remain competitive and will be \$57.00 per ton effective February 1, 1999.

As 1998 draws to a close, we are enjoying increased public participation in the Executive Committee and District meetings, which is a trend we hope continues. The best decisions can only be made with the best available information and the sharing of perspectives. As we move toward the creation of a long-term regional plan, it is my personal hope that all the positive aspects of public participation will be realized.

Mary E. S. Williams
Project Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE 1998 REPORT

The Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee presented its completed *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* to the Town this year, and is pleased to report that the Planning Board has adopted the plan as an adjunct to the Town Plan. Copies have been provided to the Town's selectmen, planning board, conservation commission, library and school.

This plan has engaged the attention of the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal and state agencies, who are impressed with its grassroots origin. As a result, EPA conducted sediment sampling in various parts of the River this past summer. The Subcommittee has continued to advise these federal agencies, which are responding to other recommendations in the *Plan*. This included comment on the Atlantic Salmon Commission's draft plan for restoring salmon.

The Subcommittee hosted a public forum on the new Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program of the Connecticut River Conservation District Coalition. The subcommittee also continued to provide advice to the States of VT and NH, the CRJC, and local communities on a variety of projects.

The Subcommittee invites residents to represent the Town as members. If you are interested, contact the Selectmen. The time commitment is minor but the rewards are many. The public is also welcome to participate in Subcommittee meetings. The primary goal of the Subcommittee is to ensure a voice for local people and communities in decisions about the Connecticut River. Our advisory role will be particularly important in the next few years now that the Connecticut has been designated as an American Heritage River.

For more information on the Mt. Ascutney Region River Subcommittee, the CRJC, the river plan, and Connecticut River issues, including upcoming meetings, visit the CRJC web site at www.crjc.org.

Jeremiah Evarts, Member
Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 1998 Report

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects such as household hazardous waste collections the nomination of the Cold River to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Thanks are due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. Our Commission has enjoyed close collaboration with the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley, Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and the Upper Valley and Quechee chambers of commerce, and looks forward to a continued productive partnership.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Cornish residents, staff and board members have taken advantage of some of these services.

In 1998 our work specifically for the Town of Cornish included:

- Provided information about home occupations and businesses, including definitions and standards from other ordinances.
- Researched and made available definitions of principal and secondary use.
- Reviewed telecommunications amendment to Zoning Ordinance and recommended changes.
- Discussed merger of lots in non-conforming and conforming lot situations.
- Discussed minor subdivision application of land in both Claremont and Cornish and clarified the need to notify abutters in both towns. Also referenced RSA 684:53 IV which requires subdivision approval by both planning boards.
- Arranged two household hazardous waste collections for Cornish residents.
- Discussed replacing a mobile home in the 100 year floodplain (not within the floodway).
- Met with the Planning Board to discuss new approaches to regulating home occupations and cottage industry.
- Developed a two-page economic and demographic summary for the town and posted it on the UVLSRPC website.
- Worked with local groups in town to prepare a list of important natural and cultural resources which was submitted to the NH Land and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Cornish in the coming year.

J. Cheston Newbold
Cornish Representative

SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 1998 REPORT

The following is a report on the activities of the Council for the year 1998.

This was a very tumultuous year for the organization as we lost the services of three of the four staff people that had been with SCEDC for a total of 12 years. Ms. Judy Quimby left our employ after three years as the Business Resource person. She and her husband, Roy, left the area for a life in Florida. Ms. Suzette Chamberlain left our employ after 7 years due to an offer of employment back in the 'private sector' with a firm in Charlestown and our administrative Assistant position has been impossible for us to keep filled. It is indicative of the tight labor market and the overall experiences that all employers are seeing.

In spite of our trials and tribulations, we have enjoyed some great success. We were fortunate to extend our Capacity Building Grant with the Office of State Planning that will allow us to keep three full time people in-house. This grant is for three more years at \$150,000.00 total. As proof of compliance in this application SCEDC was able to credit itself with the institution of an additional 116 jobs in the County.

We were notified by the Rural Development Agency that we were being issued a grant for \$60,000.00 to "recapitalize" our revolving loan fund. This will enable us to make several more small business loans to qualified applicants. It also raises the total RLF to approximately \$1.2 million in revenues.

Our Revolving Loan Fund Program issued two more loans to local business in need of "gap" financing. This is funding where the total amount is not met by a financial institution but SCEDC can fulfill that 'gap' to complete funding needs. One was issued to a firm in Langdon and the other to a firm in Charlestown.

We have worked with another 18 business inquiries interested in locating in Sullivan County. The need for labor does not seem to be a deterrent to these people. We are still working with many of the leads from 1997. This is an indication of the tremendous amount of time and staff resources needed for finalization of a client's decision. In some instances it can take over two years for a final determination as to where they locate.

Sullivan County has recognized the value of "regional" economic offices since 1986. The rest of N.H. has recognized our success over the past year via the implementation of an additional 14 "regional offices" that are modeled very closely to the SCEDC operations. This is truly a commendation by the rest of the State that we have been moving in the right direction for some time. Our success is measured by many factors, including data gathering, recruitment efforts that are successful, business assistance and educational programs, a "one-stop" resource center for business questions, grant and administration work, job creation, and a great many other features that most regions of the state never enjoyed. It remains a pleasure to serve the County in this capacity

Stephen A. Marro,CMC,EDFP
Executive Director

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE 1998 REPORT

Continual changes in our nation's health-care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies, such as our Windsor Regional Home Health Agency Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Cornish provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families-at-risk.

- Town funds help provide care for people who require medically necessary services but who are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.
- Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community -- people of all ages and all economic means use our services.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.
- Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

Our Windsor Regional Home Health Agency Branch provided the following services in the Town of Cornish during the past year:

Nursing	374
Physical Therapy	74
Speech Therapy	12
Occupational Therapy	14
Social Services	44
Home Health Aide	929
<u>Homemaker</u>	<u>87</u>
Total Visits	1,534

Flu Clinic Attendance: 34 persons	Hospice VNH:	
	Volunteers, families served	3
	Hospice VNH Volunteers, hours	51

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thanks you for your continued confidence.

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH

SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE, INC. 1998 REPORT

We at Sullivan County Hospice are requesting \$250 from the Town of Cornish. Sullivan County Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12-member board of directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our mission is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of the individuals we serve are home hospice patients who have decided to remain at home under the care of their families. It is in this setting that we provide most of our services. However, we have the flexibility to follow and serve our patients and their families in a hospital or nursing home setting, as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, the grieving process, active listening, and universal precautions. A few of the ways our volunteers provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands, and light meal preparation. Our volunteers also provide emotional support to both the patient and their family by being available to listen and offer reassurance and encouragement.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, as well as from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services, Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group. This group is scheduled for six sessions a year, each lasting a period of five weeks. These groups are open to anyone working through the grieving process.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will continue to support our work with your financial contribution, as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Annie Alcorn, Director
Sullivan County Hospice

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. 1998 REPORT

All of us at Southwestern Community Services would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the citizens of Cornish for the courteous cooperation which we have always received, as well as for the continued financial support.

Through the generosity of communities like Cornish, SCS is now able to offer access to most of our programs through a site in Newport which is much more convenient to those residing outside the greater Claremont area. During 1998 alone, with your help, we have delivered services to 45 Cornish families, consisting of 100 citizens who were found to be in need. The value of these efforts totaled \$24,873.

We look forward to working with Cornish residents and their elected officials as we continue to deliver services in the fields of energy, housing, nutrition, education, and health during the coming years.

Sincerely,

David W. Osgood, Deputy Director

COMMUNITY YOUTH ADVOCATES, INC. 1998 Report

The Chandler House and Community Youth Advocates would like to express their thanks to the Town of Cornish for their on-going support of our residential and community based programs that serve youth throughout Sullivan County.

Chandler House remains one of the few long and short-term residential homes in the state to offer a safe place for runaway and homeless youth. We provide housing to youth referred by the Division of Children and Youth Services who, because of abuse, neglect or personal difficulties are in need of an emergency bed in a safe and supportive home. We offer our Youth Attendant program to every Sullivan County Police Department.

Community Youth Advocate's has provided many successful Juvenile Court Diversions, with a low recidivism rate. We offer our community service program not only to youth with violations but to those adolescents interested in giving back to their community. We have offered our Juvenile Justice and Stress Management workshops to the Cornish Elementary school. We have served 11 Cornish youth and their families.

Our newest project is a Parent Adolescent Resource Center. We are building a library of books, videos, brochures and handouts on the many issues parents and teens face today. We continue to add to our local and state resources. We are hoping to connect to the Internet to assist parents and adolescents in their search for information on topics relevant to them. If you know of someone in need of our services or just in need of information and assistance, they may contact us at 543-0427.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina DeBoer

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION 1998 REPORT

Volunteers in Action is an interfaith and community effort that brings together caring volunteers of all ages with neighbors in need of a helping hand in Cornish and adjacent towns in the Mt. Ascutney area.

During the past year, ViA volunteers provided 28 rides for two Cornish residents to medical and other appointments and shopping. The volunteers reported a total of 71 hours and 946 miles in the performance of this service. This is a personal door-to-door service, with the volunteer waiting for the person during the appointment and offering other assistance as needed.

A faithful Cornish volunteer gave 59 hours of time in friendly visiting with an elderly Cornish resident. This companionship and sociability is a bright light in the life of this woman, who lives alone.

Another Cornish volunteer, a teenager, helped an older Cornish resident with yard work during the summer. He provided 23 hours of brush cutting, trimming, raking, etc.

There are currently 6 ViA volunteers in Cornish and over 100 volunteers in the Mt. Ascutney area. Two Cornish residents are members of the Volunteers in Action Advisory Council and contribute their skills and experience in this manner.

Many requests for help come through the visiting nurses, Council on Aging advocates, from Mt. Ascutney Hospital, from individuals themselves, friends and family members.

We appreciate the growing interest and awareness of ViA as a vital community resource. Support from the Selectmen and voters of Cornish is very important to the continuation of these essential services.

To request service or to consider volunteering, please call Margaret Campbell or Doug Hall at 674-5971. ViA has an office in the Historic Windsor House. ViA brochures that describe the program more fully are available at the Cornish Town Office, the Library and many churches. The logo on the front of the brochure was drawn by a student at Windsor High School.

We welcome your inquiries.

Douglas Hall
Coordinator

REPORT TO THE TOWNS AND CITIES IN DISTRICT 1

By Councilor Ray Burton

As one of your elected officials, I am honored to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. This five member elected body acts much like a board of directors of your New Hampshire State Government in the Executive Branch.

In my twentieth year representing this district with 98 towns and four cities, there are many changes I've seen and been part of in the past. My focus in this report to you is toward the future and some suggestions on how you as citizens might be encouraged to participate in the future.

The following are some ideas and suggestions. The Governor and Council have a constitutional and lawful duty to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteer citizens. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these volunteer posts, please send me your resume at the State House and I'll see that it is passed on to Kathy Goode, Governor Shaheen's liaison to the Executive Council — or you may wish to send them directly to the Governor's Office, State House, 107 North Main Street, NH 03301.

Other resources available to your town/city/county include 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) through the Community Development Block Grant program at the **Office of State Planning**. Call Jeff Taylor at 271-2155 to see if your town or area qualifies.

Annually there is some 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) available through the **New Hampshire Attorney General's Office** for innovative programs for drug and law enforcement, stress problems dealing with youth at risk, assistance to victims, and special programs for victims of domestic violence. For information call Mark Thompson at 271-3658.

Communities may request assistance through the **NH National Guard Armory**, General John Blair's Office, for services such as a Drug Detection Dog, Community Presentations on Drug Demand Education and Career Direction Workshops. The telephone number is 225-1200.

The **Office of Emergency Management**, at telephone number 1-800-852-3792 is the proper call when an emergency develops in your area such as floods, high winds, oil spills, and ice jams.

State and Federal Surplus items may be purchased at minimum cost. Call Art Haeussler at 271-2602 for a list and newsletter.

In **New Hampshire Correctional Industries**, there are many products and services of use to towns, cities, and counties; such as street signs, vehicle decals, printing, car repair, furniture, and data entry services — including web page development. Call Peter McDonald at 271-1875.

People and businesses looking for work, vocational rehabilitation, and job training programs should call **NH Employment Security** at 1-800-852-3400.

NH Department of Environmental Services has 20% grants available for water/waste-water projects, and landfill closure projects; and revolving loans for water/waste-water, and landfill closure problems; and also for Household Waste Collection days (call 271-2905). State Revolving Loans has around 35 to 50 million dollars (\$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000) per year available. For information call 271-3505.

Oil Funds — there are five petroleum funds which cover: oil spill cleanup and emergency response; and reimbursement for cleanup by owners of: motor fuel underground and above ground tanks; heating oil facilities (primarily home owners); and motor oil storage facilities (service stations and automobile dealers). For information call 271-3644. Further, there is a municipal grant fund for construction of used-oil collection

facilities and operator training. Call 271-2942.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days – annual grants to cities and towns for collection of household hazardous waste provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds, up to a total of 50% of the costs incurred. For further information call 271-2047.

NH Health & Human Services Department has numerous divisions, providing a variety of services and assistancemental health, public health, children and youth, etc. All of these may be obtained by calling 1-800-852-3345.

All of your New Hampshire State Government can be accessed by the general phone number 271-1110, and through State Webster Internet <http://www.state.nh.us>. Your New Hampshire Government is at your service.

Please call my office anytime I can be of help (271-3632 and e-mail rburton@gov.state.nh.us).

REPRESENTATIVE MERLE W. SCHOTANUS 1998 REPORT

This is my final report to the town as your State Representative. After fourteen productive and very satisfying years in the House, I now look forward to serving on the Board of trustees of the University System of New Hampshire.

The highlights of my final House session were my co-sponsorship of SB 493, which established the Land and Community Heritage Commission and the co-sponsorship of the Governor's ABC education funding plan. The Land and Community Heritage Commission Was established to find ways to permanently protect our state's most valuable land, cultural and historic assets. After five months of intensive work, the Commissions's recommendations were put on hold pending resolution of the educational funding issue in the 1999 legislative session. The thorough work of the commission should place New Hampshire in a very strong position to take advantage of recently announced federal funding assistance for state land and heritage protection initiatives.

I was also one of three Republican co-sponsors of the Governor's ABC plan which was designed to resolve our long-standing education funding dilemma without disrupting the state's economy. Although the tax abatement clause of the ABC Plan did not meet constitutional muster, the remainder of the plan established very significant educational improvement policies for K-12 and paved the way for anticipated final resolution of the funding problem in the 99' session.

I am optimistic that a constitutionally acceptable way will be found to fund equitably and adequately our K-12 education programs. Please stay in touch with our state representatives and senators. They will need your help more than ever to achieve a realistic, long lasting solution to this historic problem. Please also do not let anybody overlook the fact that adequate state funding for the University System of New Hampshire must be part of the overall solution to funding our state's educational system.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the State Legislature.

Representative Merle W. Schotanus
District 3, Sullivan County
Grantham

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE BURLING

This is surely the most important constituent report I have ever written to the voters of Plainfield and Cornish. At the time I write this, in early January, we are in the middle of a momentous change in the way we fund public education. We have a developing crisis in the costs of special education, and everything concerning state government seems to be happening at once.

Clearly the most important issue confronting the state is the need to find a solution to the challenge of the Claremont school funding cases. In the legislature we have, in theory, until April 1 to find a new constitutional way to fund public education in this state. In fact, for those of us in the House, the deadline comes much sooner. On February 18th we must pass whatever ideas we think are good in the House and send them over to the Senate. That means that most of the critical House work on education funding will be done weeks before school district meeting.

The problem we face seems to be huge. The obligation of providing an adequate education for every child in the state will cost the state government around nine hundred million dollars. That is an immense sum, but not an impossible one. There are ways we can do the job before us, but each way has its individual positive and negative points. A sales tax by itself doesn't raise nearly enough money at acceptable rates. An income tax continues to be politically unpopular. A pure statewide property tax has some significant negative impacts on the people and values of "property rich" communities.

The best proposals before the legislature appear to be combinations of one or more of these areas. A low rate statewide property tax could raise many millions of dollars while lowering the overall property taxes of most people by a great deal. If that were combined with another idea, like the consumption tax favored by some, almost enough money would be raised to meet the \$900 million dollar problem we face. Any shortfall could be covered by the \$70 million in so-called Augenblick money currently raised by the state.

At the time I write this, I'm not clear that one of the plans before us is absolutely better than another. I can work with a couple of the better thought-out proposals. I expect, therefore, that I will vote for more than one plan in the hope that maybe two of the best will make it to the Senate, where the true work of compromise can begin.

If we cannot agree on one clear plan, I am convinced that it would be a good idea to include the voters of New Hampshire in the process of choosing. One idea that I endorse is the so called Michigan referendum, which involves the passing of two plans, one of which becomes law unless the voters choose the other at a special election. We have a long tradition of letting the voters help with really important decisions, and this would surely qualify as one of those.

In addition to the concerns of school funding, we will address some major issues this year in Concord, like HMO regulation, health care for kids, and trimming down unnecessary waste in state government. I hope you will let me hear your best advice and ideas, and I hope you will think of us as we try to answer these serious problems.

In conclusion, let me say that at the start of the year, I filed a joint resolution calling on Congress to fully fund its promised share of Special Education costs. With a \$76 billion surplus, it's time the Congress and the Administration began to fulfill their promise to us.

Peter Hoe Burling

REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE JONES

Representative District 3

Even though my term has just begun, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I have been appointed to the Committee on Children and Family Law. The duties of this committee shall be to "consider matters relating to children and youth, their rights, obligations, and protection including all matters covered by RSA 169-B, 169-C and 169-D, divorce, custody and child support, and such other matters referred to it". (HR-1) This is a new committee and generally meets every Tuesday at 10:15 am in Room 206-LOB. I would invite those interested in issues regarding children to attend these meetings or any hearings we may have scheduled on other days.

Education funding and the fast approaching deadline for solution is certainly the issue of the moment. I have attended several informal meetings where many ideas have been presented. Out of those, some would pass Constitutional muster while others, or parts thereof would not. Hopefully the Legislature will be able to find a fair and equitable solution by using one or more combinations of the ideas set forth. At this point, however, there seems to be uncertainty as to what the "adequacy" figure should be.

I am still in awe every time I enter the State House and feel very proud to have the opportunity to take part in the Legislative process.

Thank you
Connie Jones

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date Of Marriage	BRIDEGROOM		BRIDE	
	Name	Residence	Name	Residence
02/05/1998	Edward Carr Doyle	Cornish, NH	Barbara J. Lewis	Cornish, NH
02/14/1998	Paul Alan Duarte	Cornish, NH	Laurel Jane Smith	Cornish, NH
03/14/1998	John Thompson Collins	Cornish, NH	Jane Elizabeth Child	Cornish, NH
04/04/1998	Paul F. Dubey	Cornish, NH	Sandra C. Otten	Claremont, NH
06/27/1998	Elliot R. Jones	Killeen, Texas	Emily J. Edson	Fort Richardson, AK
06/27/1998	Sean Patrick Keefe	New Britain, CT	Caroline Kate Boyington	New Britain, CT
06/27/1998	Charles Henry Moote II	Cornish, NH	Jodi Ann Bunnell	Cornish, NH
06/27/1998	Michael Douglas Stygles	Lebanon, NH	Melissa Marie Chaput	Cornish, NH
07/04/1998	Richard Irwin Heim	Cornish, NH	Abigail Fielder	Meriden, NH
07/11/1998	Scott Parker Antonivich	Brownsville, VT	Leslie Irene Heath	Brownsville, VT
07/18/1998	Theodore Verrill Becker	Norwich, VT	Solange Felix De Oliveira	Norwich, VT
07/18/1998	Stephen Michael Turney Jr.	Plymouth, VT	Jennifer Ann Ferland	Plymouth, VT
08/21/1998	John N. Freak	Cornish, NH	Roxann G. Rook	Cornish, NH
09/19/1998	William James Cole	Westerly, RI	Holly Lyn Fellows	Westerly, RI

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,
according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

Date Of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/12/98	Lebanon, NH	Acuna-Stevenson, Mikhaela	Harold Jose Acuna	Jessica Ann Stevenson
02/03/98	Claremont, NH	Dewitt, Cody Jerrald	Gene Michael Dewitt	Michelle Lynn Moore
02/03/98	Lebanon, NH	Sprague, Timothy Roy	Larry Adam Sprague	Erica Jean Call
03-20-98	Lebanon, NH	Strout, Katrina Rhiannon	James Everett Strout	Karen Ann Perham
04/07/98	Lebanon, NH	Downing, Darren Michael	Daryle Arthur Downing	Christina Lyn White
05/26/98	Claremont, NH	Michaud, Teagan Andrea	Daniel Marc Michaud	Christine Andree LaFlamme
10/04/98	Lebanon, NH	Wu, Allegra Mei	Gene Wenchlech Wu	Karen Lynn Lavoie
10/15/98	Claremont, NH	Jaarsma, Robert William	Reyer Joost Jaarsma	Heidi Marie Hildebrandt
10/30/98	Lebanon, NH	Thibault, Cameron Joseph	Randy David Thibault	Deborah Ann D'Antuono

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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

Deaths and Burials Registered in the Town of Cornish For the Year Ending December 31, 1998

<u>Date Of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
03/16/97	Venice, FL	Smith, Wilfred Seymour	Joseph L. Smith	Anne E. Outerbridge
12/24/97	Windsor, VT	Schuele, Elaine W.	Joseph L. Ward	Helen Conway
02/04/98	Windsor, VT	Perkins, Christina Louise	Murdo Murray	Minnie Kittredge
02/10/98	Claremont, NH	Webb, Charlotte V.	Ira Elliott	Margaret Pierce
02/15/98	Windsor, VT	Monroe, Freda S.	Fred C. Scales	Ivis E. Dow
02/28/98	Claremont, NH	Hinkley, Gertrude P.	Bert Potwin	Pauline Wilder
03/06/98	Windsor, VT	Tracy, Martha A.	Vern Barton	Katherine Ashley
03/06/98	Venice, FL	Smith, Alice F.	George W. Farny	Sylvia Wurlitzer
03/10/98	Unity, NH	Aiken, Elsie	William Chapman	Jane Harrison
03/29/98	Lebanon, NH	Auten, Dawn Elaine	Roscoe Seavers	Ruby Larson
04/14/98	Claremont, NH	Downing, Sr., Martin Main	Robert Downing	
05/05/98	Windsor, VT	Kuhre, Vera Emma	Charles Adams	
05/18/98	Leicester, VT	Hobbs, Edith	Austin Lockwood	Eva Hardy
05/27/98	Fairfax, VA	Yatsevitch, Peter Gratian	Gratian Michael Yatsevitch	Anna Chaplin
06/26/98	Claremont, NH	Dow, Lester Harmon	Prentice Dow	Margaret Delancey Howe
06/29/98	Pittsfield, NH	Harrington, Lois	Albert Harrington	Nora Smith
07/25/98	Lebanon, NH	Barnett, Raymond Lester	Lester A. Barnett	M-bel Cheever
07/27/98	Morristown, VT	Macy, Arthur D.	Donald Macy	Lila Urban
08/20/98	Cornish, NH	Tremi, Par S.A.	Slig Petterson	Gladys Thurston
09/20/98	Cornish, NH	Cheever, Hazel Eliza	Joseph Hilliard	Margaret Berqvist
11/12/98	Cornish, NH	Clough, Raymond V.	Eugene Clough	Florence Emery
11/23/98	Cornish, NH	Shute, Doris May	Oscar Cushing, Sr.	Ellen McElreavy
12/08/98	Claremont, NH	Tryon, Frederick A.	Frederick Tryon	Etnel Hunt
				Dorothy Case

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct,
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Reigh H. Rock, Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Cornish School District

March 1999



Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Brenda Jordan
Moderator	George Edson

School Board Members

Richard Thompson	Term Expires 1999
Theresa Scott	Term Expires 1999
Brent Edgerton	Term Expires 2000
Raymond Evans	Term Expires 2000
Curt Wyman	Term Expires 2001

Auditors

Plodzick & Sanderson

REPORT OF THE CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD 1998-99

January 13, 1999

The school year 1998-99 will be remembered by many of us as the year we accomplished something we had previously claimed impossible -- we found a spot to add another extension to our school building! This time we were motivated by Gov. Jeanne Shaheen's 75% state funding plan for construction of new kindergarten space. After those Cornish residents present and voting at last year's district meeting passed Article II authorizing \$176,660 for this purpose, a committee of enthusiastic residents got to work so that the new room would be ready for occupancy by the first day of school in the fall. The governor joined us to officially open our new kindergarten space on the first day of school in September, making this an even more memorable event.

Our teachers and school board are both enjoying a respite from contract negotiations this year and all taxpayers are benefiting from savings in health insurance costs for our staff thanks to the three year agreement approved by our voters last year. The two greatest budgetary challenges facing us remain high school tuition costs due to ever-increasing cost/student coupled with our unusually high middle school population and special education costs. This federal mandate remains meagerly funded by its creators and consumes a larger percentage of our local school budget every year.

Since our last district meeting board member Kate Freeland found it necessary to resign because she accepted a position at the school. The board followed its past practice of offering her unexpired term to the unsuccessful candidate with the most votes in last year's election. Terrie Scott agreed to serve out the term and was therefore appointed by the board. There will be school board seats coming vacant this year and your board strongly urges residents interested in becoming involved in the educational opportunities offered by schools funded by our town to consider running for your school board.

Ray Evans, Chairman
Richard Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Brent Edgerton
Theresa Scott
Curt Wyman

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SAU #6

School Administrative Unit #6 serves as the link between the Cornish School District and the New Hampshire Department of Education. The SAU staff generally advises the Cornish School Board and the school principal on matters regarding legal requirements and best educational practices while the board and principal make most of the decisions regarding policy and implementation. This past year has been a very busy one for news from the state department and the state house in Concord because the impact of the Claremont court decision on the financing of public education has demanded that board members be informed and be able to comment publicly on the many issues that have been involved. However, the Claremont decision has not been the only topic of discussion, and most of the news from Concord this year has been beneficial for Cornish. The following is a list of the most important of those topics that have involved the SAU and Cornish:

- **Kindergarten Construction:** Cornish took advantage of an initiative by Governor Jeanne Shaheen to construct a new kindergarten room with the state picking up more than 75% of the cost. The entire undertaking proceeded with remarkable speed and ease from the time that the district's Building and Facilities Committee first recommended the addition and the utilization of the state funding to the day of the opening of the room in September with the governor in attendance. Within a period of about two months, the committee and the SAU staff assembled educational and architectural specifications, obtained approvals from the school board and the voting public, and obtained approval from the state offices. Construction was completed during the summer, and the result is a facility that serves the kindergarten wonderfully well and that alleviates at least some of the school's pressing need for classroom space.
- **Budget Preparation:** The SAU staff generally prepares the initial budget estimates and documents for the school board's consideration. The board then makes the decisions regarding the actual budget that is presented to the voters for their approval. This year's budget preparation has been highlighted by a significant increase in Foundation Aid from the state. Prompted by the Claremont court decision, the state has increased its state aid for education for the 1999-2000 budget year while it tries to resolve the school funding dilemma. Cornish's share of state aid has increased by almost \$400,000 from the amount of the previous year, and it appears that the budget that will be presented to the voters will include both significant tax relief and increased funds for educational programs.

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- **Special Education:** Federal and state laws establish the right of students with disabilities to “a free and appropriate public education.” The SAU’s Special Education Director advises the school board and the principal on matters of legal compliance and best practices while trying to maintain a level of services and staffing that is effective and fiscally efficient. Like most school districts in the state and the country, Cornish has been pressed recently to allocate sufficient funding for the needs of its children with disabilities because the number of children with needs continues to increase while the support of federal funding in particular remains inadequate. The SAU Director and the school principal focus primarily on developing the capacity of the Cornish Elementary School to serve these children, but the SAU is also investigating the possibility of joint programs with other local districts that can serve groups of disabled children effectively and efficiently.

- **Curriculum and Testing:** During the past several years, the State Education Department has implemented both a set of curriculum frameworks and a set of tests that assess student learning of those frameworks. The state tests are probably the most demanding set of state tests in the country, but the consensus in Cornish and across the state seems to be that the frameworks are appropriate and the tests are difficult but valuable. The state frameworks have not changed curriculum so much as they have prompted districts such as Cornish to better organize it, and the tests are prompting districts to clearly address skills and content knowledge. The staff of SAU #6 had been in the midst of directing a revision of the curriculums of its districts prior to the state work, and the result has been the realignment of the curriculums that does match the state frameworks. Also, the SAU has directed the review and analysis of the state tests by teachers. In Cornish, the tests are given to third and sixth grade students, and the result has been a more coherent and effective curriculum that should produce improved student learning of skills and information.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Harris, Assistant Superintendent

STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary School (1/31/99)

Kindergarten	14	5th Grade	36
1st Grade	15	6th Grade	31
2nd Grade	18	7th Grade	31
3rd Grade	26	8th Grade	25
4th Grade	22	TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 218	

Public High Schools (1/4/99)

	<i>Claremont</i>	<i>Hanover</i>	<i>Hartford</i>	<i>Lebanon</i>	<i>Newport</i>	<i>Oxbow</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
9th Grade	1	0	4	0	0	0	13	18
10th Grade	5	1	7	1	0	0	13	27
11th Grade	2	0	9	1	1	0	13	26
12th Grade	4	1	10	0	0	1	3	19
TOTALS	12	2	30	2	1	1	42	90

PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS

Elementary School

Scott Kalter	Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Susan Russo	Grade 1
Chantelle Orlen	Grade 2
Dawn Cray	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst	Grade 3
Ruth Schneider	Grades 4
Rosamond Seidel	Grade 5 Language Arts, Math
Henry Ruppertsberger	5 & 6 Math & Science
Ruth Cassidy	5, 6 & 7 Language Arts, 5 Soc. Studies
Caroline Storrs	5, 6 & 7 Soc. Studies
Ruth Little	7 & 8 Language Arts, Soc. Studies
Salvatore D'Atri	7 & 8 Math, Algebra
Sandra Redlands	6-8 Science
Stephanie Karabaic	Special Educator
Priscilla Paul	Special Educator
Drewanne Reed	Reading Specialist
Kathryn Mortimer (0.6)	Art
Constance Filbin (0.5)	Guidance
Jan Ranney (0.4)	Physical Education
Molly Bonhag (0.4)	Music
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Media Generalist

School Support Staff

Dale O'Connor	Administrative Assistant
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke	Nurse
Scott Bogle	Custodian
Sheila Drury	Part-time custodian
Susan Durant	Speech Therapist
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Mary Gilmore	Para - Lower Wing
Rebecca Dodge	Para - Upper Wing
Rebecca Brown-Morrie	Para - Special Education
Lucille Gramling	Para - Special Education
Phaedra Laushance	Para - Special Education
Donna Leavitt	Para - Special Education
Cheryl Ryan	Para - Special Education
Katherine Freeland	Tutor - Title I
Linda Santulli	Title I Coordinator & Teacher
Norma Garcia	Lunch Manager
Patricia Bennett	Lunch Assistant
Margaret Jones	Lunch Duty Aide
Kelly Starr	Part-time School Psychologist
Donna Jenkins	Part-time O.T.R.
Catherine Petersen	Part-time C.O.T.A.



School Administrative Unit #6

Robert A. Patterson	Superintendent
Michael R. Harris	Assistant Superintendent
Allen Damren	Business Administrator
Theresa Senio	Director of Special Education
Ann Dieter	Assistant Business Administrator
Debra Lafko	Administrative Assistant
Carol Amell	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Poisson	Payroll Clerk
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Kim Hall	Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician

CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

January 15, 1999

CLAREMONT

Grade 9 Tonya Morse
Grade 10 Sarah Blair
 Nicholas Lukash
 Jeffrey Morse
 Shannon Prinn
 Thomas Sperry

Grade 11 Devan Chandler
 Luke Gendron

Grade 12 Molly Blair
 Sean Manning
 Jesse Nott
 Lukas Tewksbury

HANOVER

Grade 10 Jered Condon
Grade 12 Meghan Bergeron

HARTFORD

Grade 9 Will Beardslee
 Elijah Gagne
 Sean Richard
 Emily Robbins
Grade 10 Dane DeBoer
 John Demasi
 Lydia Durant
 Cassandra Fitch
 Kyle Guillette
 Jeffrey LaClair
 Morgan Thompson
Grade 11 Courtney Amadon
 Rebecca Baril
 Sadie Dworak
 Nicole Earle
 Jordan Fitch
 Jacob Goulet
 Jennifer Grace
 Meaganne Herrin
 Jaimie LaClair
Grade 12 Randy Baril
 Douglas Caver
 Edmund Durant
 Brian LaClair
 Joshua LeBlanc
 Andrew Moriarty
 Daniel Proulx
 Jamie Smith
 Matthew Wheatley
 Kathryn Williams

LEBANON

Grade 10 Patrick Blair
Grade 11 Hanna McMinn

NEWPORT

Grade 11 Anna Morse

OXBOW

Grade 12 Hayley Keefe

WINDSOR

Grade 9 Kyle Beaulieu
 Logan Bergeron
 Tara Call
 Falon Childs
 Gregory Clark
 Dean Cowdrey
 Jessica Curtis
 Eric Edgerton
 Shawn LaClair
 Misty LeBlanc
 Meghan Rathbun
 Jeremy Swoyer
 Lucas Weld
Grade 10 Elaine Aldrich
 Jaime Baker
 Stacey Bean
 Jeremiah Ferland
 Shannon Gray
 Daniel Heim
 Bobbie Howard
 Megan Mordenti
 Erik Osterlund
 Lorna Rabun
 Shane Smith
 Erika Weld
 Jessica Zekos
Grade 11 Robert Adams
 Ronald Adams
 Kevin Caffrey
 Sherry Call
 Thomas Drury
 Hannah Hammond
 Raelyn Howard
 Jessica Jones
 Robert Kebalka
 Jacob LeBlanc
 Joshua Neily
 Connie Terceira
 Matt Wood
Grade 12 Hannah Birch
 Angela Grace
 Katie Gray

12-year Enrollment History - Grades K-8

	Grade									
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Jan. 1999	14	15	18	26	22	36	31	31	26	219
Jan. 1998	18	19	31	20	33	33	34	26	22	236
Jan. 1997	19	29	20	36	32	32	26	24	32	250
Jan. 1996	28	16	35	32	26	25	23	32	26	243
Jan. 1995	16	33	23	25	28	23	33	26	29	236
Jan. 1994	30	25	25	27	22	28	27	27	15	226
Jan. 1993	26	26	27	23	29	25	27	15	27	225
Jan. 1992	25	28	22	30	25	26	14	28	24	222
Jan. 1991	27	27	29	25	25	17	26	20	20	216
Jan. 1990	28	30	26	26	20	25	20	21	12	208
Jan. 1989	37	22	26	21	25	18	23	12	20	204
Jan. 1988	21	25	23	24	21	21	14	19	22	190

The chart above shows the 12-year enrollment history of the Cornish elementary school. The diagonal lines can be used to follow the size of each class as it progressed from grade to grade through the school. The extreme right-hand column gives the total enrollment figures.

The chart below illustrates the events that caused the enrollment changes to occur. *Aging* is caused by the graduation of grade 8 students and the arrival of a new Kindergarten class. *Moving* is the net effect caused by families moving into, and out of, the school district.

Analysis Of 12-year Enrollment History

	Change Due To		Net
	Aging	Moving	Change
1998-99	-8	-9	-17
1997-98	-14	0	-14
1996-97	-7	+14	+7
1995-96	-1	+8	+7
1994-95	+1	+9	+10
1993-94	+3	-2	+1
1992-93	+2	+1	+3
1991-92	+5	+1	+6
1990-91	+15	-7	+8
1989-90	+8	-4	+4
1988-89	+15	-1	+14

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 1999

Reading and Curriculum:

Attention to curriculum development and improved instruction remain the top priority for staff in the Cornish School. We are now solidly involved in the new reading program that blends the best practices, strategies and methods of both phonics and literature based programs. We have seen some tangible results in our testing and assessment, particularly in our younger students, and anticipate this positive trend continuing as these students reach the third grade State Testing in a year or two.

The State Tests continue to be a major focus of our work as we implement our written curriculum in language arts, math, social studies and science. We believe that the Cornish School has well designed and current curricula in each of these subject areas and should serve the students well for the foreseeable future. We remain committed to improving our test results as one measure of student progress and growth.

Communications:

Once again, our Building Leadership Team, through its yearly survey, has identified the need for the school to get information out to the parents and community on topics such as special education, guidance, library and other school support programs. The Principal's Report in the 1996 Town Report is one resource for some basic information on these topics. Also, keep an eye out for the weekly school newsletter that often has up-dated information about these programs and services.

This has been a remarkably busy and eventful year. One highlight that deserves special note was the visit from our French "sister town" students. Last spring, we sent ten Cornish students to St. Gaudens and Aspet, France. This October, twenty-five French students spent six days with us. They lived in our homes, traveled with us to Boston, participated in our classes and toured Cornish and many of the surrounding towns. Friendships were formed that by all accounts may last a lifetime. Special thanks go to all the parents and community members who supported this exchange with time, housing and money. We hope that this year's experiences will lead to future adventures for many Cornish students.

As I reach the mid-point of my fourth year in Cornish, I continue to be amazed at the level of support the Cornish School gets from

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parents and community alike. Our volunteer force in the school is solid and provides services that truly compliment our curriculum and programs. The general community continues to show its support and commitment to education through its funding of our regular budget as well as special initiatives such as our kindergarten room construction project. This commitment and generosity does not go unnoticed by both students and staff in the Cornish School.

Benjamin Disraeli once wrote, "The secret of success is consistency to purpose." I look forward to being a small part of that purpose as we all help our children reach for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott O. Kalter, Principal



HOT LUNCH REPORT

For the 1997-98 School Year

During the 1997-98 school year a total of 18,713 lunches were served for an average of 107 lunches per day. This total includes 14,226 full priced lunches, 1,387 reduced priced lunches and 3,100 free lunches. There were 791 adult lunches served. The Hot Lunch Program also serves milk or juice to students who bring their own lunch and to those in kindergarten.

Lunch prices had to increase to cover the rising cost of food purchased for the program. The price is \$1.70 for children. Reduced price remained the same at \$.40 per meal. Teacher's lunches remained the same at \$2.50 per meal.

Pat and I enjoy the new stove very much. We thank you all for that and also thank all those who have made our Hot Lunch Program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Garcia
Lunch Manager

BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

January 1999

The Building Maintenance Committee of the Cornish Elementary School is now completing its fourth year. It continues to operate with the charge of overseeing the timely maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds to assure the health and safety of all occupants with the most efficient use of taxpayer funds.

The current members of the committee are:

Richard Thompson

Scott Bogle

Scott Kalter

Dick Baril

Doug Freeland

Dave Wood

Curt Wyman - chair

During the summer the committee oversaw the renovation of the ceiling and attic of the second oldest part of the school, the "lower wing." This was the building improvement that the committee had recommended in Article VI at the district meeting last year. This project was well executed and we are very pleased with the results. Hopefully everyone has seen the visual improvements to the hallway as you walk in the front door. This was not only an aesthetic but also a fire safety improvement. Furthermore, the added insulation is minimizing not only fuel costs but also ice damming.

Also completed this summer was the second half of Article VI. Seven egress windows were installed, thus making the school safer for the children in the event of a fire.

The last three of a list of sixteen fire code violations (received March 1997) will be completed this summer. The last three classrooms with flammable ceiling tiles will be equipped with fire code approved drop ceilings. Since this subject has already been sufficiently discussed in the previous two School District Meetings, the funds to finish this project are included in the school district warrant.

This year's building improvement warrant article is designed to fix two problems that began with the construction of the gym addition. Since the hillside was not cut far enough away from the eaves, there is a significant danger to any one passing within ten feet of the fall line whenever there is ice build-up. Furthermore, the road bed is very unstable and not worth repaving. This project will cut the bank far enough from the danger zone to install a safe and properly prepared roadbed. Please support this article so that we can end this double liability.

The next priority in the maintenance of the school is to determine a regular and reliable schedule for the upkeep of both the exterior and the interior. To meet that goal the Repairs/Maintenance line item in the main budget has been increased.

Furthermore, the committee has been studying the long term capital replacement items in order to determine a more reasonable annual Capital Reserve allotment. For years this line item has been grossly under funded. We hope to learn from the wisdom of the selectmen who have for many years requested large amounts be put in reserve funds each year in order to avoid the undesirable spikes in the tax rate whenever a large purchase must be made.

Sincerely,

Richard Thompson

FACILITIES STUDY COMMITTEE

January 1999

The Facility Study Committee is now beginning its second year. It was created as part of the School Board's strategic planning efforts. The purpose of this committee is to evaluate the needs of the school/community now and in the foreseeable future. The scope was intended to be broad and hopefully comprehensive.

The vast majority of the committee's first year was devoted to securing funds for and overseeing construction of the new kindergarten room. This new 1400 square foot classroom space was completed last August with ample time to be ready for this school year. It was a whirlwind effort by many dedicated volunteers and construction professionals. Special thanks goes to Charles Metz, architect, for moving the project along so swiftly and smoothly. Even Governor Shaheen honored the new room by coming on the first day of school to see what her funding initiative had created. Many thanks to all involved.

The committee is now studying the broader scope of our persistent space problems. As the demand for special education services increases the Resource Room can no longer accommodate so many people. As of yet, no clear, affordable solution has been determined.

Of course, space planning is dependent on enrollment predictions. In a small town this is very difficult to accomplish with any degree of accuracy as Alan Penfold has pointed out many times. Our enrollment increased every year for ten years straight from 1988 to 1997 (see p. S8 of 1998 Town Report). Presently, we are in the second year of declining enrollment. The committee is looking at ways to maximize our abilities to see into the future.

One change that is presently needed and not dependent on enrollment is the science room. In order to support the on going effort to institute a more hands-on science curriculum, the committee recommends passage of the warrant article that requests funds for equipment and renovations. The Science Discovery Fund will contribute to this cause as well.

Richard Thompson -chair
Ray Evans
Jim Jordan
Mark Woodcock

Dick Baril
Scott Kalter
Caroline Storrs
Pat Pinkson-Burke

Sincerely,
Richard Thompson
For the Board

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

1997-98

During the 1997-98 school year, I was the school nurse for a total of 18 hours per week. The enrollment was 240 students.

While the Cornish students continue to remain fairly healthy, there has been a rise in the number of students with chronic health disorders (i.e. asthma, diabetes, seizure disorder). Individual Health Plans (I.H.P.'s) must be developed for each of these students. Health appraisals (height, weight, blood pressure, vision and hearing) are done on all first through eighth grade students. Referrals were made resulting in several new pairs of glasses on students. Scoliosis screening (curvature of the spine) was performed on the fifth through eighth grade students.

The State of NH requires all students entering seventh grade have a second MMR (mumps, measles, and rubella) booster vaccine. Therefore, a free immunization clinic was held in school with many students participating. Periodic scalp inspections were performed throughout the year to inspect for head lice. Isolated cases were discovered, but due to the hard work and vigilance of parents, we were able to avoid the out-breaks that some other communities have experienced.

I have continued to work with teachers, guidance, and administration in the ongoing development and implementation of health education programs. Health education is essential to enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to promote healthy lives. In addition, the school nurse continues to work with teachers to bring health related speakers and programs to the school. Some examples the programs brought to the school include: first aid basic aid training for the fourth grade, and the development of a nutrition unit with the third grade for which we were awarded a grant from the NH Nutrition Council.

In the 1997-98 school year, approximately 1728 unscheduled student visits were made to the nurses office. This does not include scheduled visits for medication, physical exams, classroom time, or visits to the school secretary's office when the nurse is not available. There were sixty-one parent contacts, two home visits, and twenty-four collaborations with the faculty.

The rise in demand for nursing services, combined with the limited hours allotted, make it increasingly difficult to meet the expanding expectations of this position.

Respectfully submitted,
Ilsa Pinkson-Burke, RNC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 7, 1998

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 7, 1998, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Frank Ackerman, Stacy Doney, Lois Fitts, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors. Moderator George Edson swore in Kathryn Patterson as Assistant Moderator.

Moderator Edson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, he opened the polls for voting on Article I by paper ballot. He called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Terrie Scott. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Martha Tracy, Polly Monette, and other Cornish residents who had passed away since the last meeting.

Ray Evans presented former Cornish School student Jessica LaPlante with the 3rd Annual Outstanding Young Citizen Award. The school board has made this presentation a district meeting tradition.

Moderator Edson then introduced the SAU personnel in attendance, the School Board Members, and the election officials.

Article I: (Election of Officers) There were 395 ballots cast.

SCHOOL BOARD - Curt Wyman was elected to a three-year term with 204 votes. Terrie Scott received 183 votes.

SCHOOL BOARD - Brent Edgerton was elected to a two-year term with 184 votes. Katy Pond received 99 votes, and David Gee received 97 votes.

MODERATOR - George Edson was elected to a one-year term with 364 votes.

TREASURER - Brenda Jordan was elected to a one-year term with 367 votes.

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - Kathryn Patterson was elected to a one-year term with 373 votes.

Article II: (Long Term Borrowing)

Richard Thompson moved that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,660 for the purposes of construction of an additional room for kindergarten purposes at the Elementary School; to authorize the School Board to request funds from the Cornish School Building Trust Fund in the amount of each fiscal year's interest due and payable regarding this construction; to authorize the School Board to accept \$121,245 to be paid from the State Kindergarten Building Aid Fund, to be used for the purpose of defraying the costs of the foregoing, and to authorize that the remainder of the cost be raised by the issuance of not more than \$55,415 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq.); to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board

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to invest said monies; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,048 for the first year interest cost; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The motion was passed by a two-thirds majority paper ballot vote, and a second by Ray Evans:

213 YES 96 NO

Article III: (Hearing of Reports)

Alan Penfold questioned why there was a name change for the reporting of the Capital Building Fund from George Edson to Brenda Jordan. It was explained that it is put under her name as she is the official keeper of the school funds as the School District Treasurer.

Article IV: (Proposed Teachers' Agreement)

Terrie Scott moved that the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Percent	Estimated Increase
1998-99	4%	\$26,993
1999-00	3%	\$19,494
2000-01	3%	\$20,079

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,993 for the 1998-99 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. Ellen Ballard **seconded** the motion. It was voted by paper ballot, by checklist and was **passed** by the following vote:

160 YES 99 NO

Article V: (Main Budget)

Terrie Scott moved that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,186,208 for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,098,673 for the general fund, \$43,935 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund. The motion was **seconded** by Fritz Heir.

Terrie Scott **amended** the main motion down by \$22,319. This amount represented the savings in health insurance costs as a result of the switch to School Care. This reduction changed the amount to be raised and appropriated to \$2,163,889. Brenda Jordan **seconded** the amendment which then was **passed** by a voice vote.

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During the section-by-section review of the budget, questions were raised and comments made. The issue of main concern was special education costs which are federally mandated but not federally funded. The **amended main motion**, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,163,889.... was then **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VI: (Use of Additional Foundation Aid)

It was **moved** by Richard Thompson that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,665 as a supplemental appropriation, such sum received in the 1997-98 school year as additional Foundation Aid, for the purpose of making certain building improvements, specifically attic insulation and ventilation over the second oldest part of the school and the installation of egress windows to meet fire code requirements. After the **second** by Pat Pinkson-Burke, the motion was passed by a voice vote.

Article VII: (Building Improvements)

Richard Thompson **moved** to pass over this article, seconded by Pat Pinkson-Burke. The motion **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VIII: (Foreign Language Program)

Kate Freeland made the **motion** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to hire a foreign language teacher for 40% time and to establish a foreign language program at the Cornish Elementary School. Her motion was **seconded** by Myron Kuhre. The motion was defeated by a hand vote: **83 YES, 95 NO.**

Article IX: (Additional Staff Time)

Ray Evans made the motion, seconded by Henry Hoymeyer, that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for increased time for the school guidance counselor (\$4,900)(increased time from 50% to approximately 70%), the school physical education teacher (\$7,000)(increased time from 40% to approximately 60%), and the school nurse (\$3,100)(increased time from 18 hours per week to approximately 23 hours per week) to institute and provide general instruction and programming on adolescent issues. The motion was defeated by a hand vote: **83 YES, 101 NO.**

Fran Hills made the motion to reconsider the defeated motion. She felt that the extra time for the physical education teacher should be voted on separately. It was seconded by Jane Picard. This motion to reconsider was defeated

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Article X: (Additional Staff Time)

Kate Freeland made the **motion** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 for increased time for the school art teacher. Her motion was seconded by Karen Woodbury. The motion was **passed** by a hand vote:

80 YES, 74 NO.

Article XI: (New Personnel)

Ray Evans moved that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,783 for additional secretarial office assistance (\$3,039) and hiring one additional educational paraprofessional (\$5,744). John Scott seconded the motion which was defeated by a hand vote:

70 YES, 87 NO.

Article XII: (Other Business)

Joe Osgood made the motion, seconded by Alan Penfold, that the Board of Selectmen and the School Board determine the legality of a School District vote making it possible to line item vote a school budget and make such a vote binding. If this is legal, it is to be the first item on the School District Warrant so that it can be voted on and in effect for next year's School District meeting. The motion was **passed** by a hand vote:

72 YES, 56 NO.

Duane Churchill made the **motion** that the School Board be directed to investigate the teaching portion of the media generalist's time and ensure that the salary paid be proper compensation for the work performed. The motion was seconded by Martha Churchill and was **passed** by a voice vote.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Moderator Edson closed the polls at 7:00 p.m. The ballots were counted, and the results were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Report
SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the fiscal year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Cash on hand July 1, 1997	\$ (7,852.95)
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	1,625,220.00
Received from Foundation Aid (State of NH)	125,439.70
Received from Kindergarten Aid (State of NH)	14,250.00
Received from Kindergarten Constr Aid (State of NH)	67,058.00
Received from School Building Aid (State of NH)	16,050.00
Received from Catastrophic Aid (State of NH)	13,462.50
Received from Food Services Funds	35,311.47
Received from Capital (Cornish) School Building Fund	10,440.00
Received from Federal Grants	20,341.00
Received from other sources	219,507.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$2,186,611.89
Less School Board orders paid:	\$2,188,348.23
Cash on hand June 30, 1998	(\$1,736.34)

Special Endowment Funds
June 30, 1998 Fund Balances

FUND NAME (original gift/principle amount)	BALANCE
James Farley Memorial Fund (Writing Excellence - \$2,807.93)	\$4,068.00
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund (Capital Expense - \$7,509.83)	7,913.00
Eberhardt Award (Art & Music - \$500)	507.00
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial (Citizenship - \$500)	507.00
Glen Smith Sportmanship Aware (Sportmanship - \$250)	253.00
Harriet Runnals Award (Multiple Categories - \$1,270)	1,290.00
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund (Env/Agri - \$6,873.43)	7,882.00
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Sports Program - \$1,000)	1,242.00
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund (Resource Room - \$1,000)	1,242.00
Science Discovery Fund (Science Exploration - \$800)	892.00
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund (Spelling Excellence - \$930.94)	959.00
Non-Dedicated Funds (Unrestricted - \$55.19)	29.00
TOTAL ENDOWMENTS	\$26,784.00

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Jordan
School Treasurer

CORNISH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

The Cornish School Building Fund is a result of the Capital Fund drive conducted during 1988 to help pay a portion of the cost of the addition to the school. The proceeds of the fund drive, and interest earned on those contributions, have been used to cover the interest payments to date and to purchase some additional items that were not covered in the original contract price.

Reconciliation (June 30, 1998)

Total Pledges	\$357,376
Pledges Paid to Date	\$329,426
Percentage of Pledges Paid	92%
 Pledges Remaining	 \$ 27,950

-----INCOME-----		-----EXPENDITURES-----	
Pledges Paid to Date	\$329,426	Interest Paid to Date	\$308,242
Interest Earned	35,497	Equipment & Misc. Exp.	19,233
TOTAL INCOME	\$364,923	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$327,475

Ledger Balance = \$364,923 - 327,475 = \$37,448

Fund Balance (Savings - 6/30/98) = \$37,448

On July 1, 1998, nineteen pledges remained unpaid. Several of those are delinquent and may not be paid in full by the completion of the fund drive in summer 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Jordan, Treasurer
Cornish School District

Cornish School Building Fund June 30, 1998 Fund Balance

Fund Balance as of June 30, 1997	\$42,450.75
Pledges Received**	3,200.00
Income Earned - interest	2,136.95
Withdrawal - 1997/1998 Building Bond Interest	10,440.00
TOTAL	\$37,347.70

**\$27,950 in pledges remain unfulfilled of original \$357,426 pledged in 1988

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Jordan
School Treasurer

DISTRICT'S SHARE OF SAU #6 EXPENSES

1998-99

Claremont	78.53%	\$488,671
Cornish	13.34%	\$83,035
Unity	8.13%	\$50,569
Total	100.00%	\$622,275

DISTRICT'S SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES

1998-99

	Claremont	Cornish	Unity	Total
	78.53%	13.34%	8.13%	100.00%
Superintendent	\$62,178	\$10,562	\$6,437	\$79,178
Assistant Superintendent	\$46,965	\$7,978	\$4,862	\$59,806
Business Administrator	\$46,965	\$7,978	\$4,862	\$59,806
Director of Special Education	\$37,832	\$6,427	\$3,917	\$48,175



THE TASKER ENDOWMENT FUND

An endowment fund is in the process of being established to further enhance the quality of life in the towns of Cornish, Plainfield, and Meriden. An initial gathering of interested Cornish residents took place at the Grange Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 1997 with about twenty-five attendees. It was then determined that we would join forces with Steve Taylor of Meriden who had just established a fund with identical goals to benefit the three towns. We then met with Alan Cantor of the Upper Valley Charitable Foundation which will administer the Fund and establish several initial objectives:

1. Compose a list of volunteers to help get the Fund established. (The Fund becomes a functioning advised Fund when it achieves \$25,000.00 in donations.)
 2. Prepare an informational flyer.
 3. Create a list of ten projects that would benefit the communities.
- We are currently working on the above list.

Steering Committee
Ray Evans
Brenda Jordan
Steve Taylor

1999 SCHOOL WARRANT
Cornish School District
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in the District affairs.

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Articles I of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10 a.m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 PM. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

ARTICLE I (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for one-year terms and to elect two members of the School Board, both for three year terms.

ARTICLE II (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE III (Main Budget)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$2,340,482) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State equalization and building funds, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,252,947 for the general fund, \$43,935 for the school lunch fund, and \$43,600 for the federal projects fund.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE IV (Deficit Appropriation)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$55,000) as a deficit appropriation to

cover additional unanticipated special education costs in the 1998-99 school year. (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE V (Foreign Language Program)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$19,244) to hire a foreign language teacher and to purchase supplies to establish a foreign language program at the Cornish Elementary School. (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE VI (Building Improvements- Roof Capital Reserve)

To see if the School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of school building roof replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE VII

(Building Improvements- Heating and Ventilating System Capital Reserve)

To see if the School District will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of school building heating and ventilating system upgrades and replacement and to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE VIII

(Building Improvements- Moving and Reconstruction of Roadway)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) for the reconstruction and moving of the road beside the Cornish Elementary School. (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE IX

(Building Improvements- Ceiling Replacement in Three Classrooms)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000) to replace the ceilings in three classrooms at the Cornish Elementary School in the upper wing. These repairs are the final repairs required as a result of the State Fire Marshal's report. (The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE X

(Building Improvements- Science Room Improvements)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000) for the purpose of funding certain improvements i.e. cabinets, electric outlets, sinks, and plumbing, to the science room at the Cornish Elementary School.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE XI

(Discontinue a Capital Reserve Fund)

To see if the School District will vote to discontinue the Block Grant Trust Fund, established in 1986. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the School District's general fund. The Trust Fund balance as of December 31, 1998 was \$3,156. (Majority vote required.)

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE XI I

(Appropriation for Textbooks)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$3,156) for the purchase of additional textbooks.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE XIII

(Changing Purpose and Name of a Trust Fund)

To see if the School District will vote to change the purpose of an existing School Building Fund to the School District Capital Reserve Fund. (2/3 vote required.)

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

ARTICLE XIV (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID CORNISH this 19th day of February, 1999.

Ray Evans, Chairman
Theresa Scott

Richard Thompson, V. Chairman
Curt Wyman Brent Edgerton

Cornish School General Fund Report

February 1999

Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
REGULAR EDUCATION							
101	Salaries	432,921	455,995	495,742	512,223	16,481	3.32%
102	Substitutes	8,730	15,529	8,900	8,900	0	0.00%
104	Paraprofessionals	21,595	22,099	21,991	24,162	2,171	9.87%
211	Group Health Insurance	42,563	59,387	45,042	56,372	11,330	25.15%
212	Dental Insurance	3,024	4,655	3,864	4,530	666	17.24%
213	Life Insurance	789	1,125	951	982	31	3.26%
214	Workers' Compensation Ins	3,321	3,337	4,579	4,805	226	4.94%
222	N.H. Retirement	8,818	11,093	14,048	14,786	738	5.25%
230	Social Security Insurance	38,038	38,522	40,219	41,716	1,497	3.72%
260	Unemployment Insurance	1,416	964	816	824	8	0.98%
271	Staff Development	6,614	6,996	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
441	Equipment Repair	6,214	5,914	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.00%
	Testing and Assessment				2,200	2,200	n/a
	Software				1,500	1,500	n/a
611	Supplies	8,739	11,436	17,750	17,750	0	0.00%
	Exploratory/Enrichment	0	351	2,100	3,000	900	42.86%
631	Textbooks	4,687	5,899	11,600	21,600	10,000	86.21%
632	Consumable Workbooks	1,057	1,884	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
741	New Equipment	520	567	0	10,000	10,000	n/a
751	Furniture	0	773	750	2,400	1,650	220.00%
	REGULAR EDUCATION TOTALS	589,046	646,526	686,352	746,750	60,398	8.80%

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Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
SPECIAL EDUCATION							
101	Teachers' Salaries-Contract	78,095	63,341	72,437	105,310	32,873	45.38%
103	Tutoring	923	330	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
104	Paraprofessionals	18,471	15,801	22,827	37,400	14,573	63.84%
105	Speech Therapy	14,600	11,805	14,062	19,062	5,000	35.56%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	13,847	19,983	26,020	39,148	13,128	50.45%
271	Staff Development	0	0	1,500	5,500	4,000	266.67%
331	Psychological Testing	12,966	6,821	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%
332	Psychological Counseling	1,225	1,200	1,000	4,250	3,250	325.00%
333	Occupational Therapy	13,041	12,494	10,000	14,500	4,500	45.00%
381	Legal Services				3,000	3,000	n/a
568	Tuition Out of Dist.-Elem.	7,269	12,445			0	n/a
611	Supplies	450	418	450	450	0	0.00%
631	Textbooks	450	354	450	450	0	0.00%
741	New Equipment	0	283	350	350	0	0.00%
SPECIAL EDUCATION TOTALS		161,336	145,275	157,096	237,420	80,324	51.13%
ATHLETICS							
108	Salaries P/R	666	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	8	7	100	100	0	0.00%
391	Referees	1,853	2,890	1,600	2,500	900	56.25%
611	Supplies	0	721	400	400	0	0.00%
ATHLETICS TOTALS		2,527	4,618	3,100	4,000	900	29.03%

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Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
GUIDANCE							
129	Salaries	11,950	12,270	12,761	13,144	383	3.00%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	3,001	2,530	3,717	3,882	165	4.44%
611	Supplies	349	207	300	300	0	0.00%
630	Textbooks	247	352	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
	GUIDANCE TOTALS	15,547	15,359	17,778	18,326	548	3.08%
HEALTH							
112	Salaries	10,937	11,869	11,464	11,806	342	2.98%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	831	908	1,019	1,048	29	2.85%
611	Supplies	636	606	650	650	0	0.00%
	HEALTH TOTALS	12,404	13,383	13,133	13,504	371	2.82%
LIBRARY							
117	Salaries	18,047	17,699	17,464	20,542	3,078	17.62%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	1,818	2,207	2,072	2,446	374	18.05%
611	Supplies	533	396	600	600	0	0.00%
630	Books	2,339	2,441	3,400	3,400	0	0.00%
640	Periodicals	347	391	450	450	0	0.00%
660	Audio Visual Supplies	652	745	745	745	0	0.00%
741	Equipment	289	325	275	275	0	0.00%
751	Furniture	0	0	400	400	0	0.00%
	LIBRARY TOTALS	24,026	24,204	25,406	28,858	3,452	13.59%

3 of 7 (continued)

Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES							
119	School Board Salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
271	Training & Dev	492	274	250	250	0	0.00%
300	Auditors	2,750	2,375	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
381	Legal Services	1,180	2,038	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
384	Treasurer	400	200	200	200	0	0.00%
385	District Clerk	30	30	30	30	0	0.00%
386	Moderator	15	15	15	15	0	0.00%
387	Election Officials	415	281	400	400	0	0.00%
551	Annual Report	582	724	700	700	0	0.00%
610	Supplies	534	1,052	300	300	0	0.00%
811	NHSBA Dues	2,144	2,229	2,296	2,308	12	0.52%
	SCHOOL BOARD TOTALS	9,541	10,218	10,991	11,003	12	0.11%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6							
351	Management Services	74,755	81,238	83,035	85,400	2,365	2.85%
	SAU #6 TOTAL	74,755	81,238	83,035	85,400	2,365	2.85%
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION							
111	Salary- Principal	52,500	53,853	56,631	58,897	2,266	4.00%
118	Salary- Admin. Assistant	14,841	15,538	16,244	16,731	487	3.00%
118	Additional Assistant				3,420	3,420	n/a
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	11,058	12,025	14,368	15,551	1,183	8.23%
271	Staff Development	0	216	400	400	0	0.00%
532	Postage	482	930	600	900	300	50.00%
541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	1,135	2,347	1,000	1,800	800	80.00%

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Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
552	Printing	335	1,054	800	1,500	700	87.50%
582	Travel-In District	83	640	550	550	0	0.00%
611	Supplies	125	333	200	350	150	75.00%
801	Principal's Fund	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
811	Dues	725	531	725	725	0	0.00%
892	Graduation	169	125	175	175	0	0.00%
ADMINISTRATION TOTALS		81,454	87,592	92,693	101,999	9,306	10.04%
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT							
115	Salaries	28,475	28,925	31,823	32,116	293	0.92%
200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	6,961	7,628	9,945	10,454	509	5.12%
340	Building Improvements	183,967	41,669	176,660	0	(176,660)	-100.00%
431	Rubbish Removal	1,677	3,368	2,850	2,850	0	0.00%
432	Lawn Work	638	500	500	500	0	0.00%
441	Repairs/Maintenance Services	14,733	11,230	13,500	27,691	14,191	105.12%
520	Property/Liability Insurance	3,895	4,079	4,499	4,500	1	0.02%
Lease Payments		0		6,300	6,300	0	n/a
531	Telephone	3,264	3,625	3,100	3,500	400	12.90%
611	Supplies	3,637	4,387	4,200	4,500	300	7.14%
651	Propane	-8	118	500	300	(200)	-40.00%
Septic Pumping					1,200	1,200	n/a
652	Electricity	19,511	19,189	19,583	21,108	1,525	7.79%
653	Fuel Oil	15,120	11,663	15,860	15,800	(60)	-0.38%
741	New Equipment	0	948	850	850	0	0.00%
742	Replacement Equipment	2,000	4,564	600	1,500	900	150.00%
OPERATION & MAINT.TOTALS		283,870	141,893	290,770	133,169	(157,601)	-54.20%

Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
TRANSPORTATION							
513	Elementary Transportation	53,128	54,395	55,714	58,500	2,786	5.00%
	TRANSPORTATION TOTALS	53,128	54,395	55,714	58,500	2,786	5.00%
DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES							
DEBT SERVICE							
830	Principal	75,000	107,000	107,000	48,083	(58,917)	-55.06%
840	Interest	16,035	20,200	15,944	8,615	(7,329)	-45.97%
	DEBT SERVICE TOTALS	91,035	127,200	122,944	56,698	(66,246)	-53.88%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT							
881	Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT TOTALS	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
	Total Cornish School	1,398,668	1,353,901	1,561,012	1,497,627	(63,385)	-4.06%
TUITIONS							
561	Tuition- High School	531,326	589,437	683,001	716,258	33,255	4.87%
Special Education Tuition:							
568	Tuition Out of Dist.-High Sch.	49,925	54,198	33,542	31,564	(1,978)	-5.90%
519	Transportation	0	131	10,000	7,500	(2,500)	-25.00%
	TOTAL ALL	588,520	643,766	726,543	755,320	28,777	3.96%
School Lunch Fund							
	Salaries and Benefits	21,053	22,175	22,050	22,932	882	4.00%

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Item	Description	Expended 1996-97	Expended 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
	Bookkeeping	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
	Food and Milk	19,846	18,370	18,560	19,488	928	5.00%
	Miscellaneous	0	633	15	15	0	0.00%
	TOTAL SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	40,899	42,678	42,125	43,935	1,810	4.30%
	TOTAL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND	29,498	22,780	43,600	43,600	0	0.00%
	GRAND TOTAL	2,057,585	2,063,125	2,373,280	2,340,482	-32,798	-1.38%

Cornish School Tax Rate Impact Report

Description	Received 1996-97	Received 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
Appropriation - General Fund	1,926,704	1,983,676	2,287,368	2,252,947	-34,421	-2%
Deficit Appropriation		45,000		55,000	55,000	n/a
Total Non-Tax Revenue	166,824	263,608	370,519	593,071	222,552	60%
Use of Fund Balance	97	38	0	0	0	n/a
Shared Revenue Block Grant	22,544	21,963	24,391	24,391	0	0%
Tax Levy	1,737,239	1,743,067	1,892,458	1,690,485	-201,973	-11%
Assessed Value	81,741,458	83,071,660	83,658,545	83,658,545	0	0%
Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)	21.25	20.98	22.62	20.21	-2.41	-10.65%
Increase for Home Assessed at \$125,000					-301.25	

Cornish School Proposed Revenues

General Fund - February 1999

Description	Received 1996-97	Received 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
District Assessment	1,628,131	1,720,068	1,892,458	1,690,485	-201,973	-11%
Tuition Income	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Interest Income	2,563	2,695	1,000	1,000	0	0%
Trust Fund Income	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Misc. Income	9,918	2,031	1,000	1,000	0	0%
Foundation Aid	116,741	205,561	131,513	530,488	398,975	303%
Kindergarten Aid	0	14,250	14,250	13,500	-750	-5%
School Building Aid	22,500	32,100	32,100	35,425	3,325	10%
Catastrophic Aid	0	13,463	8,776	8,776	0	0%
From Building Fund	16,035	10,440	5,220	2,882	-2,338	-45%
SUBTOTAL	1,795,888	2,000,608	2,086,317	2,283,556	197,239	9%
From Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Bank Financing	183,200	0	176,660	0	-176,660	n/a
From Energy Grant	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
REVENUE TOTAL	1,979,088	2,000,608	2,262,977	2,283,556	20,579	1%

Cornish School Report - Special Funds

Description	Received 1996-97	Received 1997-98	Budget 1998-99	Proposed 1999-00	(Col. 4- Col. 3) \$ Change	% Change
Food Service Fund						
Daily Sales	31,141	30,374	33,100	33,200	100	
USDA Commodities	3,454	0	0	0	0	
Other Revenue	0	673	0	0	0	
State Reimbursement	997	984	990	990	0	
Federal Reimbursement	8,391	10,036	10,100	10,100	0	
From General Fund	0				0	
FOOD SERVICE TOTALS	43,983	42,067	44,190	44,290	100	0%
Federal Grant Fund						
ECIA - I & II	29,498	22,780	43,600	43,600	0	
FEDERAL GRANT FUND TOTALS	29,498	22,780	43,600	43,600	0	0%

Cornish School Salaries, Benefits and Total Compensation

Name	Educ/ Rate	FTE/ Hrs.	Wks.	Years Exp.	1998-99 Salary	1999-00 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins.	Dntl. Ins.	Life Ins.	TOTAL S&B
Bonhag	MA +15	0.40		8	11,847	12,202	933	107	41	0	0	0	23	13,306
Cassedy	BA +15	1.00		13	33,120	34,113	2,610	300	41	1,013	2,292	302	65	40,736
Coolidge	MA	0.50		18	22,220	22,886	1,751	201	41	680	4,784	302	44	30,689
Crary	BA	1.00		5	25,739	26,511	2,028	233	41	787	4,784	302	51	34,737
D'Attri	BA + 2	1.00		3	23,920	24,638	1,885	217	41	732	4,784	302	47	32,646
Fuerst	MA	1.00		15	37,538	38,664	2,958	340	41	1,148	3,808	302	74	47,335
Little	BA + 30	1.00		17	40,378	41,589	3,182	366	41	1,235	3,808	302	80	50,603
Mortimer	BA + 15	0.60		1	13,985	14,405	1,102	127	41	428	0	302	28	16,433
Orlen	BA	1.00		5	24,748	25,490	1,950	224	41	757	2,292	302	49	31,105
Ranney	BA	0.60		15	14,254	14,682	1,123	129	41	436	0	0	28	16,439
Redlands	MA + 15	1.00		18	44,440	45,773	3,502	403	41	1,359	2,292	302	88	53,760
Reed	MA	1.00		7	29,170	30,045	2,298	264	41	892	4,784	302	58	38,684
Ruppertsberger	MA	1.00		7	25,521	26,287	2,011	231	41	0	4,784	0	50	33,404
Russo	MA+15	1.00		8	32,479	33,454	2,559	294	41	994	0	302	64	37,708
Schneider	BA	1.00		15	35,636	36,705	2,808	323	41	1,090	3,808	0	70	44,845
Seldill	MA	1.00		16	40,381	41,593	3,182	366	41	1,235	4,784	302	80	51,583
Storrs	MA+15	1.00		16	41,928	43,186	3,304	380	41	1,283	4,784	302	83	53,363
SUB-TOTAL					497,304	512,223	39,186	4,505	697	14,069	51,788	3,926	982	627,376
SUBSTITUTES														
Various					8,900	8,900	681	87	27	0	0	0	0	9,695
REGULAR EDUCATION PARA														
Gilmore	7.63	37.50	38		10,545	10,873	832	96	41	323	2,292	302	0	14,759
Jones	6.97	14	36		3,412	3,513	269	31	18	104	0	0	0	3,935
Dodge	7.35	35	38		9,496	9,776	748	86	41	290	2,292	302	0	13,535
SUBTOTAL					23,453	24,162	1,849	213	100	717	4,584	604	0	32,229
SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA														
Karadaic	BA+15	1.00		1 3	33,956	34,975	2,676	308	41	1,039	2,292	302	67	41,700
Paul	MA	1.00		1 4	38,481	39,635	3,032	349	41	1,177	2,292	302	76	46,904
New	MA	1.00		9		30,700	2,349	270	41	912	3,808	0	59	38,139
SUBTOTAL					72,437	105,310	8,057	927	123	3,128	8,392	604	202	126,743

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Name	Educ/ Rate	FTE/ Hrs.	Wks.	Years Exp.	1998-99 Salary	1999-00 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins.	Dntl. Ins.	Life Ins.	TOTAL S&B
SPECIAL EDUCATION PARA														
Morrie	7.21	34	38		9,044	9,315	713	82	41	277	2,292	302	0	13,022
Leavitt	6.90	30	38		7,638	7,866	602	69	41	0	0	0	0	8,578
Fenness	7.21	30	38		7,980	8,219	629	72	41	244	2,292	302	0	11,799
Ryan	9.21	40	38		13,589	13,999	1,071	123	41	416	2,292	302	0	18,244
New	6.90	34	38		4,323	8,915	682	78	41	265	2,292	302	0	12,575
Gramling	7.21	16.25	38		-15,366	4,452	341	39	23	132	0	0	0	4,987
Less 94-142 Grant					-15,366	-15,366								-15,366
SubTOTAL					27,208	37,400	4,038	463	228	1,334	9,168	1,208	0	53,839
SPEECH THERAPY														
Durant	19.16	21	36		14,062	14,485	1,108	127	41	0	0	0	0	15,761
ATHLETICS														
					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUIDANCE														
Filbin	MA	0.50		2	12,761	13,144	1,006	116	41	0	2,392	302	25	17,026
NURSE														
Pinkson-Burke	17.26	18	38		11,464	11,806	903	104	41	0	0	0	0	12,854
LIBRARIAN														
Patterson	11.46	28	38		11,832	12,193	933	107	41	362	0	0	0	13,636
Patterson	0.20			7	5,632	5,801	444	51	30	172	0	0	0	6,498
New	8.94	7.50	38		17,464	2,548	195	22	13	76	0	0	0	2,854
SubTOTAL						20,542	1,572	180	84	610	0	0	0	22,988
ADMINISTRATION														
Kalter				20	56,631	58,897	4,506	518	41	2,497	4,784	302	384	71,929
O'Connor	317	1	52		16,004	16,004	1,224	141	41	679	0	0	0	18,089
New	9	10	38			3,420	262	30	18	102	0	0	0	3,832
Summer	8.24	5	6		240	247	19	2	1	0	0	0	0	269

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Name	Educ/ Rate	FTE/ Hrs.	Wks.	Years Exp.	1998-99 Salary	1999-00 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins.	Dntl. Ins.	Life Ins.	TOTAL S&B
SUBTOTAL					72,875	78,568	6,011	691	101	3,278	4,784	302	384	94,119
MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL														
Bogle	12.22	40	52		24,678	25,418	1,944	1,342	41	1,078	4,784	302	49	34,958
Drury	6.44	20	52		6,500	6,698	512	354	35	0	0	0	13	7,612
SUBTOTAL					31,178	32,116	2,456	1,696	76	1,078	4,784	302	62	42,570
GENERAL FUND TOTAL					789,106	858,656	66,867	9,109	1,559	24,214	85,892	7,248	1,655	1,055,200



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR 'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Cornish School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cornish School District, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Cornish School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

October 1, 1998

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

TOWN OF CORNISH

WHO TO SEE ABOUT WHAT AND WHEN

SELECTMEN

675-5611

Anne M. Hier, Secretary

Fax - 675-5605

Wednesdays 9-Noon

Meet the public 10-Noon.

Fridays 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Public Meeting

Town Office open Monday – Thursday 9–12 a.m.

Abatements (Property Tax)

Building Permits

Camping Permits

Current Use Applications

Elderly Tax Exemption

Intent to Cut Lumber

Minutes - Planning Board, Zoning Board

Conservation Commission

Other Questions – See Selectmen

Pistol Permits

Property Tax Cards

Property Tax Maps

Raffle Permits

Septic Dig Approvals

Subdivision Applications

Transfer Station Tickets

Veterans Tax Exemption

TOWN CLERK

675-5207

Reigh H. Rock

Mondays 9-Noon, 4–7 p.m.

Thursdays 9-Noon, 4–7 p.m.

Fridays 9-Noon

Last **Saturday** of Month 9-Noon

Burial Permits

Cemetery Records

Dog Licenses

Dredge and Fill Permits

Genealogy Information

Marriage Licenses

Motor Vehicle Permits

Transfer Station Tickets

Vital Statistics

TAX COLLECTOR 675-5221

Reigh H. Rock

See Town Clerk Hours above.

Property Tax

Yield Tax

Current Use Tax

LIBRARY

543-3644

Kate Freeland, Librarian

Monday & Wednesday 3-5 p.m.

and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of Month 9-11 a.m.

Saturday 10-12 noon

November-April Fridays 6:30-8:30

POLICE

543-0535

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Connie Kousman - 542-7107